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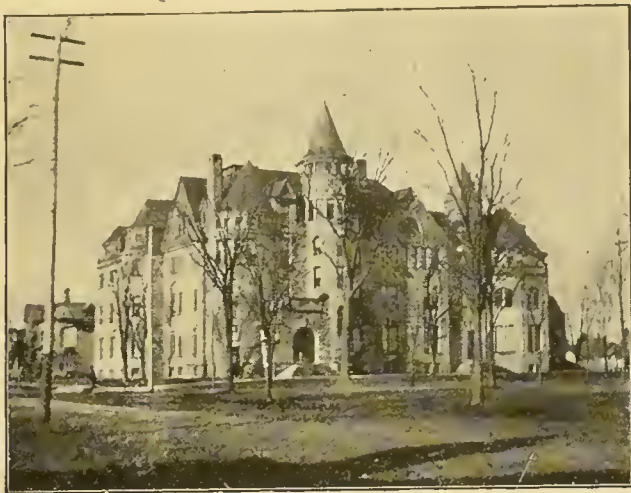
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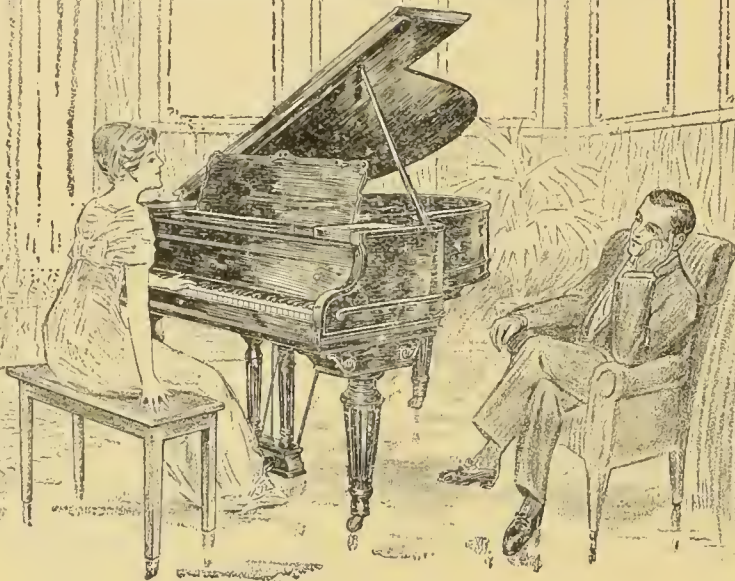
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Frank Fanning Jewett

There is occasion for hearty congratulation that the retirement of Professor Jewett from the teaching force of the College is to deprive neither the College nor the community of his presence in Oberlin.

Able and successful as he has been as a teacher and as the head of a great college department—and there are few more successful teachers,—during the entire thirty-two years of his connection with the College he has been much more than a mere College man.

Genial in spirit, sympathetic, self-forgetful, public-spirited, with strong convictions and with the courage of his convictions, he has been at once a most valuable citizen, and a congenial friend. Positions of trust have sought him, and many of the most important in the community he has filled for years. Of the burdens of Committee work which fall upon the members of the College Faculty, he has borne his full share. The uniform healthfulness of the community is due largely to the wise provisions and constant watchfulness of the Board of Health, and to the Water Works Commission, to which Oberlin is indebted for its wholesome and adequate water supply. These organizations do their work so quietly and unostentatiously that few know what they are doing, or who are the doers, but they do it effectively. Upon these bodies Professor Jewett has long served, contributing freely and gladly of his expert knowledge.

A deep interest in temperance Professor Jewett inherited from his father, who was one of the most noted temperance advocates of his generation. This interest brought him early into touch with the temperance movements of the time, both in the community and the State. As the President of the Oberlin Temperance Alliance he has been a leader in the efforts to promote temperance and to en-

force the laws in Oberlin, and to strengthen the hands of the Anti-Saloon League in the State and Nation.

His own early experience as a teacher in Japan, and his close connection by marriage with eminent missionaries, awakened in him a peculiar interest in the work of missions and in missionary families. His election, therefore, years ago as a member of the Oberlin Missionary Home Association was natural and fitting, and as the Treasurer of that Association, caring for its funds, keeping in touch with its patrons and friends and superintending its buildings, he has rendered invaluable service. In him also the children of the Home have found a warm friend and trusted advisor.

Especially loyal and faithful has he always been to the church and to all of its interests. For many successive terms he has served as deacon of the Second Church, and has ever been ready to do whatever could be done to make more efficient and practical the spiritual and the organic life of its members.

That, with eye undimmed, and with natural force unabated, Professor Jewett, set free now from the routine of the class room, is to remain in Oberlin and pursue the work of original investigation in his laboratory, and continue to serve the community in the many important positions that he has been called to fill, is cause for gratitude on the part both of the College and the town.

The Carnegie Foundation, by giving such men, rich in experience and in the maturity of their powers, the larger freedom for public service, bestows a blessing unanticipated perhaps by its founder, but vastly important to the community which gives to the College its environment, and also to the world.

HENRY M. TENNEY.

Baccalaureate Sermon

GROWTH

Text: Mark 4:26-29. "And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how. The earth beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come."

I am to ask you to consider the opportunity of growth; the duty of growth; the lines of growth; the enemies of growth; the methods of growth.

I. The Opportunity of Growth.

First of all, growth, in the thought of Jesus, is a priceless opportunity, and he believes it to be an opportunity for all men. It is priceless, for it is the very first condition of eternal hope for men, that they may grow. Jesus brings, therefore, to men the assurance of growth. His liberating word is, You may grow, you may endlessly grow.

Jesus thinks of growth, too, as involved in *life* itself. Growth, indeed, is the mark of life. This is the privilege of the living thing, that it may grow. Endowment with life is endowment with power to grow.

Growth belongs, too, peculiarly to the *human* endowment. It is characteristic of men that they are made capable of endless development; that there is no fixed limit beyond which they may not progress. From Jesus' point of view, therefore, men need not be afraid of age or of death, if they are living and working in the line of God's great purposes for them. For both age and death are then only changing conditions for still larger growth. Jesus' faith leads, therefore, naturally to the exhortation, Rise to your opportunity of growth—the privilege of life, the privilege of men, and the promise of God. Glory in it. Be worthy of it. Expect it. Plan for it. Plan for endless growth and permanent achievement.

II. *The Duty of Growth.*

But an opportunity or privilege carries always, we are learning today, corresponding obligations. If we *can* grow continuously, then we see that we must at once draw the inference, that we ought to grow. Ability is the measure of obligation.

Moreover, if growth is the mark of *life*, then he who will not grow has already begun to die. The one secret of immortal youth is growth. It is by growth that God means that "thy youth shall be renewed like the eagle's."

If endless growth, too, is the peculiar mark of *man*, then just because we are men, we are bound continuously to grow. Otherwise we are turning our backs on our human destiny, and have already begun to dehumanize ourselves and fall back to the animal stage. We are defeating in our own case the purpose of an age-long evolution.

Growth, too, is a *universal* obligation. We owe it to *ourselves*, first of all, that memory should be enriched, the imagination stimulated, the power of perception enlarged, and the ability to think, steadily deepened. For we must eternally company with ourselves, and no man can face gaily the vacancy of immortal years. He must wish to be decent and rewarding company for himself.

We owe growth to our *friends* also. For no man has the right to bring to his friend a self no larger or finer than that he brought last year. And if we are continually to bring much to our friends, we must bring a steadily richer and more significant self. Our friends ought not to need to tire of us, because they have long ago exhausted all that we had to give. There should be for them, on the contrary, fresh surprise in the self-revelations that we have to make.

And not less surely do we owe growth to the *world*. In the last analysis, as one has so often to see, we none of us have anything to give but ourselves, and those selves must be worth while and be growing. As we find our way into the communities in which our life is to be cast, we are peculiarly bound to prove ourselves growing factors in the community life, with ever more and more to give. The community has a right to expect that College graduates should bring to it in peculiar degree the training and the tools of growth,

and that, as the years go on, they should be able to give increasingly what was earlier impossible to them.

And one has not fulfilled his obligation to his *God*, either, without growth. That is a significant marginal reading, in the parable of the rich fool, which runs, "For even in a man's abundance his life is not from the things which he possesseth." And just as surely as his life is not from things, so surely his ultimate trust is not for things primarily, but for himself. And he is bound, above all, to bring back to God, in fulfilling the trust of his life, a personality that has *realized* the possibilities that God put in it. For only so is a man's great and ultimate trust fulfilled.

The *duty* of growth lies upon us,—every one.

III. *Lines of Growth.*

All normal growth, plainly, is in the direction of self-realization, in the line of the nature of the seed, of its constitution, of its intended purpose. A man's growth, therefore, in the third place, ought to mean the increasing realization of his possibilities along all lines, in constantly enlarging, deepening, enriching life. Consideration of the lines of growth requires, then, that one should soberly ask himself for what he is made, and grow thereto.

I. *Physical.*

There comes a time for the human being, when physical growth in size ceases, but life still practices "the strategem of perpetual retreat" by prompt surrendering old tissue, and rebuilding it with the new. This constant renewal there must be, if the man is to continue at his best. Even physical growth, thus, in this sense, should continue long beyond the time of matured development in stature; else death has already begun to creep in. Age we are learning to measure, even in the physical realm, not by years, but by the cessation of creative renewal of tissue. Psychologists are beginning to tell us that we are as old as our arteries, or as old as our ductless glands. Growth in the realm of the body, then, ought to mean, the keeping of the conditions of this constant renewal—of this metabolism of life. The physical goal for man is not the biggest body or the strongest muscle, but physical fitness for the longest, largest and best service of higher ends—the best physical adjustment to the environment in which our task must be wrought out, after all possible has been done to

make that environment what it ought to be. On the physical side, then, this is what I suppose we should mean by "simple living":—such treatment of the body year after year, such temperance and steady self-discipline as may render it "*fit*"—to adopt an apt modern usage — fitted to be the best possible instrument of life; such fitness of body as makes self-control and endurance natural, and freshness of response and fine quality in work possible.

Plan for *physical* growth in this higher sense.

2. *Intellectual.*

One's intellectual growth, too, should not stop with his formal education. That would be to begin to go backward at once. There is no value in disciplined powers, if they are not used. A man ought to require of himself a growing intellectual mastery of the problems of life, individual and social, and a more and more adequate, thoughtful and unified expression of them in both word and deed. It should be instinctive with the educated man to think out the best way of doing the task he undertakes and then to form the habit of doing it that way—committing to "the effortless custody of habit" the fields of endeavor already surveyed, that he may move on to still larger conquests. There ought to be for every one of us some specialized field of study or work or life, in which he can speak with a kind of authority, because of his experience and labor and prolonged and earnest attention in that field. Out of this class there should come, in time, some notable and recognized intellectual achievements, if not so astonishing as Wilbur Wright's patiently scientific conquest of the air, yet like Millikan's brilliant investigations concerning the molecule. But it is not merely of such work that I here speak. High and worthy intellectual achievement in your own particular field of life, there may be for every one of you. I hope, too, that you may find some enriching hobby, some side interest that may prove as rewarding to you as Mr. Charles Finney Cox, though a busy railroad official, found his microscopical studies and his Darwinian investigations. And for every one of you there may be, at least, enlarging acquaintance with the world's great minds, with the world's great books. What wealth is here open to you!

Plan for *intellectual* growth!

3. *Esthetic.*

One should plan, too, for growth in esthetic appreciation and in all finer feeling, and let his home reflect this growth. Our generation is peculiarly favored in having both good and cheap reproductions of much that is best in all the arts; but even a "few good things," are better than many that are inferior. Life stretches before the young. And, for one thing, it should certainly mean, that they are to plan for increasing understanding, and honest appreciation and love of the best in music, in painting, in sculpture, in poetry, in all the literature of power. Achieve some insights of your own. For what else have you been endowed with such capacities? Company with the great souls here. Let every year see you more truly cultured, more truly refined, and *therefore*, more understandingly sympathetic and in closeness of touch with the human everywhere. You may safely distrust the art that leaves you cold and exclusive; for the greatest in all art is most simply and deeply and broadly human.

Plan for *esthetic* growth.

4. *Moral.*

And because we are men and not brutes, we shall plan also for moral progress—for the disciplining of the affections and will into obedience to those laws of life that we have intellectually discerned. We shall plan for that steadier and broader and deeper and more delicate and tactful application of the righteous will—in which all moral progress must consist. We shall glory, thus, in the hope of moral achievements, now quite beyond us, as step by step intellectual discrimination, imagination, and insight, and delicacy of tact and power to put oneself in the other's place, develop.

Because we are made for God, made to "become partakers of the divine nature," we gird ourselves for our task of moral progress, as the epistle of Second Peter urges: "Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge; and in your knowledge self-control: and in your self-control patience; and in your patience godliness; and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love." (2 Pet. 1:5-7.) For it is a most suggestive order and progress which is here set forth. Because the goal

is the sharing of God's own life, one begins with fundamental *faith* in God, and adds that honest integrity of purpose, that is the very essence of *virtue*. In fulfilling this purpose he must have *knowledge* of the laws of life, through which comes that true *self-control* that is the key to the finest success at countless points in life. And then one needs that steadfast *patience* and persistence in pursuit without which no great goal can be won; and so becomes more and more *like God*, capable of showing both that *brotherly kindness* for which the smaller and more intimate circle calls (often a most difficult task) and the larger and all-embracing *love* that characterizes God's own life. What possibility of growth is there! You are to be steadily finer, and gentler and more reverent men and women, stronger and more courageous and more hopeful, more wholesome and more helpful—men and women whose very atmosphere is that of moral health and invigoration.

Plan for *moral* growth.

5. *Spiritual*.

And so far as the moral and religious can be separated we are all to plan, too, for growing spiritual insight, for enlarging and deepening acquaintance with the great spiritual seers of the race. Surely, for one thing in particular, we are not entering into the spiritual heritage of our time, if we are not planning for a modern mastery of the Bible, book by book. It is a reasonable and most rewarding goal, make sure of it. And stay with the great prophetic spirits of the Bible, until it has entered into your blood, and above all until it has prepared you for your highest possible moral and spiritual achievement—for a steadily deepening fellowship with the inner life of Christ, until you catch instinctively his spirit, and share his triumphant faith in God. We are thus to seek, as for the priceless pearl of life, for certainty of God and personal relation to him. Age ought to bring increasing assurance.

"Enough now, if the Right

And Good and Infinite

Be named here, as thou call'st thy hand thine own.

With knowledge absolute,

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From fools that crowded youth, nor let thee feel alone."

Plan for *spiritual* growth.

6. *Social.*

But let none of us make the mistake of supposing that the moral and religious life is something apart from the rest of life. All these lines of growth belong to our divinely given natures, and are included in God's will for us. Goodness needs its physical basis, its intellectual discernment, its cultivated imagination, its esthetic feeling. God is the true goal in *all* these lines alike. In *all* of them, we may assure ourselves—"I shall be satisfied, when I awake in Thy likeness."

Moral and spiritual growth, then, should mean, in turn, that we are planning to throw ourselves at all points, as opportunity offers, into intelligent and unselfish cooperation with God in his on-going purposes for all men—into bringing in a civilization even here on earth, that can genuinely meet, in its aims, at least, the standards of Christ—into bringing in the Kingdom of God. The progress that the recent years have shown at this point, gives promise of far greater things to come, and in bringing on these greater things this Class should have its noteworthy share.

IV. *The Enemies of Growth.*

But progress along any of the lines now pointed out is certain to be opposed at every point. And the man who means to grow must, therefore, take due account of the enemies of growth.

The enemies of growth are both inner and outer, and the power of the outer obstacles is largely determined by the inner attitude. It is precisely with the enemies of growth that Jesus dealt in the parable of the sower, and we may well let that parable guide our thought as we turn to face the forces that oppose human progress.

1. The parable of the sower suggests, first of all, that *the trodden path of convention*, custom, unquestioned presupposition and prejudice, offers no opportunity for the seed of life to get foothold. Growth is not possible to the mere follower of convention or prejudice; for he lies passive under the pressure from without. Just because the educated man knows the past so much better than the man without education, he needs to be on his guard against a tendency simply to preserve the past, a tendency to bare conserva-

tism,—against being satisfied either for himself or for others, that only the good that *has been* should be repeated. He who would grow and would contribute to his age his largest service, must be absolutely true to his own individuality and to his full present light. And while he recognizes most fully his great debt to his fellows and to society, he must recognize that he can pay that debt, not by passive submission to the conventional, but only by earnestly and honestly sharing with his fellows his own best vision. The seed cannot grow on the trodden path. The domination of the simply customary is itself an enemy of growth, and only he who keeps the open mind, who is utterly true to himself, who gives honestly his own reaction, is assured of real development.

2. Another enemy of growth is pictured by Jesus in the shallow soil, where the rock comes close to the surface. The shallow soil represents all those characters who, in Jesus' words, "have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway they stumble." There may be prompt and enthusiastic response to the truth at the first, but there is no enduring industry and steadiness and perseverance. The character is marked by *laziness and sentimentalism*. For laziness is not physical only, but mental and moral as well. And in any of these fields laziness easily becomes a habit. One tends to settle down in ruts, and growth is made impossible. And the sentimental character is peculiarly tempted to weakening self-pity, that always finds special excuses for needless failure. The development of which he is capable cannot come to the lazy man. It cannot come to the sentimentalist, nor to the man who lacks persistent endurance. At every point there is inertia to be overcome,—the physical unwillingness to exert oneself; the mental laziness that will not receive the new idea as really new, and readjust its other ideas to the revolutionary one, that sluggishly refuses to think its ideas through to the end and bring them into logical consistency; and the moral laziness that finds a persistent and inner honesty quite too irksome, and therefore shirks the duty of utter truth to the present light. We satisfy ourselves so easily within a shallow and sentimental enthusiasm, that we seldom do justice to the prosaic but absolutely essential quality of endurance to the end.

3. The third enemy of growth in all worthy life, as Jesus sees it, is *the distraction of the lower interests*. "The cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful." A great end is defeated if attention is distracted from the end, whatever the nature of the distraction. "The cares of this world,"—complete engrossment in lesser matters,—however fit and necessary in their own place, are quite effectual in holding a man back from high attainment. And the piling up of the material goods itself tends to produce an illusion,—that "deceitfulness of riches" that fruits in "the lusts of other things," until these quite unconsciously usurp the place of the higher interests.

The man who would grow, therefore, has not only to fight the evil that would manifestly drag him down, but to resist not less earnestly all that distraction with lesser matters that engross time and energy and thought and interest. This is the damning thing about the lesser interests,—that they are so engrossing. Let no man therefore who looks forward into the years as opportunities for developing life and service, allow himself to forget that in the midst of all the complexities of this age, he must fight for time to grow; he must fight to keep the first things first. No generation has ever been tempted to a completer dissipation of its energies than this rich and complex age of ours. And that means, for one thing, that no age ever needed more a determined and thoughtful use of its Sundays. Keep, I pray you,—keep some space clear for the best of which you are capable, for hospitality to the highest. Keep your windows open toward Jerusalem. "Follow the gleam."

4. The parable of our text, of the seed growing secretly, suggests two other enemies of growth that should not be overlooked: *lack of faith in God, and impatience with slow growth in oneself and in others*.

The seed springs up and grows, we know not how. "The earth beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear." Let the man who can think, therefore, humbly and reverently remind himself that everywhere in life he can, in any case, only use and direct powers and forces that are given him by God. We create nothing; we endow nothing with the qualities

it has. We are forced, thus, to cooperate with God, whether we will or not. Must not the real man desire that that cooperation should not be merely forced, but intelligent, unselfish, humble and grateful? And it can hardly fail to bring a great note of hope into a man's life to remember that he may thus in his growth count, forever and forever, on the steady cooperation of God with him. For it is "God that worketh" in him. He can count indubitably upon God and upon the greatness of God's purposes. "The harvest" cometh, and he need not withhold his hand.

And such faith in God means, too, a greatly enlarged *faith in the possibilities of men*, and enables us to work for them with unconquerable cheer and hope, sure that here, too, we work in line with the exhaustless will of God.

We shall not, therefore, hinder the growth either of ourselves or of others, by *impatience* because it is so slow. There is a Chinese fable of a farmer who in a long day went toilsomely over his field of grain to pull each individual plant a little higher, and went home to congratulate himself on the great gain made by his field of grain, only to find it, the coming day, withered and dying. The fable is a picture of our common impatience with the slow processes of growth. But because there must be first the blade, then the ear, and then the full grain in the ear, we are not to try to hasten unduly the processes of growth, but will be willing faithfully to fulfill the conditions upon which alone growth can come. We shall follow the natural order in growth, and trust the divine forces there at work, and in faith, and patience, and hope, learn to wait. We must *live* our way into the meaning of life.

And Jesus' portrayal of the enemies of growth itself suggests the great methods of growth.

V. *Methods of Growth.*

This graduating Class have heard me say, doubtless many times before, that the secret of life might be put in a single sentence: Stay persistently in the presence of the best in the sphere in which you seek achievement, with honest response; the rest will largely take care of itself. And I have doubtless, also, already quoted in the hearing of many of you that singularly significant summary by Herrmann of the moral law: "Mental and spiritual

fellowship among men, and mental and spiritual independence on the part of the individual—that is what we can ourselves recognize to be prescribed to us by the moral law.” Now either way of putting the matter, as one thoughtfully studies it, involves, it will be seen, the great methods of growth:—fellowship, honesty, discrimination, concentration and conservation, expression, patient steadfastness.

1. And, first of all, the great means of human growth is *association*—contagion of personality, *mental and spiritual fellowship with men*. We are commonly introduced into all the great values of life, through the testimony of some other who has preceded us in the appreciation of the value. We need to share the vision of other souls. The Socratic method is only a single illustration of the constant necessity of this means of fellowship and association. For the Socratic method, as a form of teaching, means such an awakening of the minds of others as may enable them really to share in the truth one would impart. And the Socratic method, as a method of discovery, represents that mutually supplementary sharing of insights that results in a larger outcome than any of the cooperating minds possessed at the start. The first great method of growth is association—constant open-minded mental and spiritual fellowship, both in giving and receiving.

2. But that this fellowship with others may mean anything; that genuine sharing in their visions may be possible, and that we too may share our own best, there must be upon our part, in the second place, not only the open mind and the teachable spirit that are expressly involved in fellowship, but also *utter honesty and mental and spiritual independence*. For this alone can insure that we shall know either how rightly to use what we receive, or how truly to give what we have to give. The honest man, therefore, will avoid ruts of every kind, and will keep even the old truths fresh and real by continually rethinking them in new forms and with fresh applications. Moreover, as we have seen, he will particularly not refuse to accept a new idea as new. He will not shirk that indispensable mental housecleaning, which is involved in logically relating the new to all the rest of his mental life. He will steadily demand from himself mental and spiritual independence.

3. But the growing man's mental and spiritual fellowship can not be indiscriminating. He seeks the best and chooses the best, and aims to respond with his own best. *Discrimination* becomes, therefore, a third great method of growth,—staying persistently in the presence of the best, thus keeping oneself steadily at one's own best, and therefore true to one's best vision. For the man who wishes to achieve the largest development of which he is capable seeks the mental and spiritual companionship of the expert investigators, of the clearest thinkers, of the great seers of the true, the good and the beautiful. The contagion of the highest is his great resource. And by so staying persistently in the presence of the best, he aims, too, to keep himself persistently at his own best. For only at this best can he be sure of using to the fullest the opportunities which present themselves either for growth or for service. No jaded and fagged mind or spirit is capable of fine work.

At every point, therefore, this discriminating choice of the best that God gives him to see, is the one road that the thoughtful soul can take. Practically this will mean, for example, that a man will not despise his work, his field, his opportunity or his audience, however small or unimportant it may seem; but will form the habit of responding with his best every time. For that habit of responding with the best of which he is capable *every time* carries inevitably three results with it:—it keeps the man himself growing; it inevitably betters his service; and it cannot fail to open to him still larger opportunities. The one main secret of success, a great steel founder once said, was to "beat your last batch." Keep your work and your methods growing. Let people come to know that you never shirk or scamp what you have once undertaken.

At the same time it is worth bearing in mind, parenthetically, that the man under responsibility is not free to refuse to do everything that he cannot do ideally and with special credit to himself. His responsibility carries with it certain plain obligations of service. He is not recklessly to take on work not obligatory; but where obligation clearly exists, he must do the best possible under the circumstances, though he be well aware that that best is not what he would have it and will not add to his reputation. Some men selfishly make a reputation for themselves because they have repeat-

edly loaded their own proper burdens onto the shoulders of others,—coming in themselves only when they can do so brilliantly.

4. *Concentration and conservation.*

Nevertheless, a prime condition both of growth and of the largest service, is discrimination. A man needs vigorously and rigorously to discriminate and select the many possibilities of his world, and then to concentrate his attention upon the tasks so selected as for him the best, and thus to conserve his time, his money, his energy. Discrimination demands, then, in turn, concentration and conservation.

As to waste of *time*, I need not say over again what Arnold Bennett has so trenchantly said in his *How to Live on Twenty-four Hours a Day*; but I may remind you that the effective working and growing time of most of us is probably needlessly short. And I may further suggest that for the effective use of time it is often more important that we should be at our best in our working hours. When one can work to the top of one's best, he can both do vastly more work and work of a far finer quality. Nor should one forget that conserving one's time does not mean a continuous frantic rush. It may often happen that the best use of time may be seeming idleness,—waiting, brooding, thinking, praying, letting the mind lie fallow for the time for the sake of later richer harvests. Even for simply deferring old age, a recent authority urges that it is well, for one day of the week, thoroughly to rid the mind of all the lesser cares and themes, and to keep the soul open to the uplifting and refreshing tides of life.

And the man who wishes truly to conserve his resources may not forget the care of his *money*; for money is simply minted energy. Mere parsimony is not conservation. The discerning man of means bears in mind that his means are *means* only. And he who would make his money serve him most fully will find it worth while to make a budget that, on the one hand, will check small wastes, and, on the other hand, will make sure that expenditures for a man's higher life are not swamped by the lower material interests. Growth is largely dependent on the proportion of a man's expenditures. Giving, too, is a great agency of growth.

But a man's chief wealth, after all, is his own *energy*,—physi-

cal, mental, and moral. It is prodigiously easy to waste it. Intemperance of any kind wastes it. How many of us are content with a soft and flabby life! Nevertheless, there is no such powerful servant as the sternly disciplined body and mind. Learn to know yourself, and keep a wide margin of surplus nervous energy. Badly planned days and badly planned work, too, waste energy enormously. And there is a false economy of money that costs dearly in sapped energies. Therefore, do not drift; have a plan. Master your circumstances; do not be mastered by them.

A man who wishes honestly to grow, must concentrate first of all upon his own immediate work,—that for which he is primarily responsible,—to do it up to the full measure of his ability. Only then may he think of other tasks. He is to take on nothing that will hinder his first honest obligation. Among those other opportunities that then seem open to him, he will first choose what will help him in some way in his main work, then what he has some natural responsibility for, and then what seems in itself most significant. Simple conditions of time and space may bring into his program of work lesser matters that would not be chosen for their own sake, but may be worth undertaking in the interstices of other tasks. But in all his extra work alike, the man who would grow may not forget that he should in general allow himself to take on only so much as he can do well. He cannot do everything, and he will often be obliged strenuously to practice "the duty of refusing to do good." "The devastator of the day" is always abroad. Here, too, the busy man will have to fight for time to grow.

5. *Expression.*

But conservation does not exist for its own sake. It looks forward to use. "Is the lamp brought to be put under the bushel?" Time and money and energy are conserved that they may be made to count in further growth and further work. For growth requires expression. The psychological law is imperative: That which is not expressed dies. Growth requires work, and work is a great agency of growth.

Let a man, therefore, pledge himself to some work that will really task his powers, that will require his best endeavor. Let one, for example, demand from himself the reading of at least one

strong book a year,—a book that is not easy reading, a book that compels him to think, to study; a book that challenges his previous opinions, a genuinely notable book that is worthy of long and sustained attention. And let him then require from himself that he master the book and express himself critically in writing concerning its positions. That process alone steadily continued will make a growing man.

Or let a man form a high ideal for his home, and harness his energies of thought and action to see that the plan is persistently carried through. There is hardly a greater spiritual achievement than a home that is what it ought to be. Let, then, the man and the woman think; let them task their imaginations; let them forecast their memories; let them dream high dreams; and let them put back of the dream the power of disciplined will to project the dream into reality. The intellectual and spiritual achievements of women at this point are seldom realized.

Or again, let the man who knows his danger of absorption in routine, take on appointments, engagements, contracts, that will compel him to work, and to work hard for the accomplishment of a large and significant task—whether it be a home ideal, an address, an article, a Sunday School class (a peculiarly valuable educational opportunity for the college graduate), a part in a stimulating Club, a piece of needed committee work, some large and vital community service, the correction of some abuse, or some other possibility of lifting the level of the community economically, esthetically, intellectually, morally or religiously. He who has definitely pledged himself to some significant task cannot fail to grow in it, and so become capable of still larger services.

Moreover, one cannot keep what he will not share. He, therefore, who would keep his own best must share his best. No man can grow to his utmost and live the selfish life. As surely as love is the supreme and all inclusive virtue, so surely must a man's life express itself in service and in cooperative endeavor. Even waste,—and that at the most vital points—can be avoided only by thoughtful cooperation. He who sets himself alone to a great enterprise for humanity dooms himself to small achievement. The wise man, therefore, will connect himself with the great organic forward move-

ments of his time, to supplement his own feeble endeavor by great social forces. Even for this reason alone, the man who wishes greatly to count in the realm of the moral and spiritual, could not forget the Church, nor allow himself to be a mere onlooker in the tasks which the Church undertakes. Place, then, an emphasis, greatly needed in our day, both for yourselves and for others, upon full organic membership in the Church of Christ,—which remains, far and away, the greatest of all organizations for ideal ends.

"Man grows with the greatness of his purposes," the old German line has it, and even for the sake of a man's own growth he must, therefore, wish to share in the great causes. The best proof that a man has grown is the "greatness of his purposes." But a man cannot possibly take on the greatest purposes selfishly; for they are in themselves unselfish. Culture selfishly attempted has an inevitably sordid cast. Only he who loses his life, in utter abandonment of his own selfish gain, shall find it. Get the wide vision of a true citizen of the world; get the universal love of Jesus.

6. *Patient Steadfastness.*

And, finally, one, who would speak seriously of the growth of a life-time, cannot forget that if there be not steadfastness of endeavor, patient persistence, all else will fail. It is a very prosaic quality; it does not attract by its brilliancy; but infinite capacity to take pains still remains indispensable to all large and fine achievement. It is not the dashing start that counts; it is the steady endurance to the end. It is not the enthusiastic beginning of enormous undertakings, but the faithful performance of even much smaller attempts—that sets the world forward. "Let patience,"—steadfastness—"have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing."

Fellowship, honesty, discrimination, concentration and conservation, expression, patience,—these are the great methods of growth.

MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASSES:

You stand at the end of four years, marked, we may hope for all of you, by notable growth. May the end of your formal course of study mean no cessation in the development of powers now well begun. Expect growth; plan for it; glory in it. Doubtless there will be "growing pains." But the *opportunity* of growth is yours.

The *duty* of growth you cannot escape. Along all the *lines* of your being you have the right to expect large progress and to plan for it,—physical, intellectual, esthetic, moral, religious, social. Fight, then, the *enemies* of growth,—convention and prejudice, laziness and sentimentalism, the distraction of the lower interests, lack of faith in God and man, impatience with the slowness of growth in yourselves and others. And take honestly on the long-proved *methods* of growth,—fellowship, honesty, discrimination, concentration and conservation, expression, patient steadfastness. Stay persistently in the presence of the best with honest response.

“So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how. The earth beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come.” Above all, that means, that in all your plans for growth, you can count upon the never failing cooperation of God. You do not yet know your own capacities; you do not know the largeness of God’s purposes for you. “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” Be sure that you cannot be cramped by the limitation of God’s plans for you, but only by the smallness of your own expectations. Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God. God does not set you to the impossible task of creating your own growth. At every step the great Creator works with you. Let the courage, the hope, the glory, of that co-working of God flood your souls. “And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you.”

HENRY CHURCHILL KING.

Oberlin Today

I was born and brought up in Oberlin, and I graduated with the class of '98, but this is the first commencement I have attended in ten years.

I cannot quite imagine alumni who will find anything of interest in a brief word from me, because most of you know more about the subject than I do, but having been invited I am willing to tell in a general way how Oberlin College impresses me.

Everywhere I go I see growth—on the material side amazing growth. It is evident that Oberlin has twice the equipment in buildings and property it had ten years ago. The number of students has increased largely. In my class ('98) we had about one hundred; this year there are over two hundred. This rate of increase does not run all through the institution, but if you who have not been here recently should return you would see a difference that would startle you—more people, more buildings, more going on. A great development has come.

It was not always this way. In the twenty years I lived in the community, many commencements went by when Oberlin College did not bear the outward signs of progress. The truth is that there were periods when everybody seemed to be straining to make it appear that things were prospering. No such effort is required of anybody at present. An Oberlin College of size has arrived. It is a great big thing—ambitious and strong. It seems now to have "powder under the heels," as the mother of Wilbur Wright used to say prophetically of her wonderful son when he was coming into manhood.

From this description alone one might think that really essential changes were taking place. This is not the case, apparently. It does not seem to me that the changes amount to more than the establishment of improved conditions of work for everybody concerned. When you come into contact with the people you find that they are fundamentally the same—both in the Faculty and in the student body. I should say that the college is drawing on the same general sources for its supply of teachers and pupils that it has had access to for a generation or two. There is a little more

style now—a little more prosperity possibly—but no luxury, no real “airs,” no extensive or successful snobbery. It is still a place where any student who has anything to contribute will have a chance to show what is in him—no matter who he is or where he emerged from.

I think that Oberlin loves beauty in all its forms. Its public exercises are extraordinary for their taste and dignity. It is not conceivable that any American college commencement this year made a better appearance than Oberlin's. I wonder whether we ever approximate a full estimate of the contribution of the Conservatory of Music to the taste and refinement of Oberlin, and through Oberlin, its contribution to the world.

Of course when you come from the outside and talk with the people that make up present day Oberlin you find them asking of themselves and others all sorts of questions. What shall Oberlin do about this and that? Some of these questions are perplexing—more perplexing than they ever were. The satisfying fact, however, is that the spirit that is meeting these questions on the ground seems to be sound. I should say that it is a little finer spirit perhaps than it used to be because it is characterized by more tolerance, more scientific inquisitiveness about the basis for the point of view of the other fellow. I cannot see that the College has lost a particle of its idealism. The struggle is still on, with passionate earnestness, to accomplish these great desires:

To offer an equal opportunity to all students to develop their powers to the highest possible degree.

To develop in the young those mental and physical habits which preserve life, influence and happiness.

JOHN M. SIDDALL.

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Editorial.

It is with great regret that we issue the Commencement number without the Commencement address, but it was impossible to obtain. Owing to a mistake, President George E. Vincent, who had been secured to deliver the address was unable to be in Oberlin and his place was taken by Professor Charles R. Brown, Dean of Yale Divinity School, who received the invitation to be the Commencement speaker as he arrived in Oberlin seventeen minutes before the time of the exercises. Professor Brown delivered a masterly address on Abraham Lincoln and more than satisfied the demands of the occasion and won the heartiest admiration of his audience by his unusual abilities as a speaker and enthusiastic response as a deliverer in times of great need.

The six literary societies and the various college classes celebrating their special reunions were invited to send a report of their Love Feasts and class events to the Editors of the Magazine. The publication of the Magazine was delayed in order that the Commencement number might really be a record of the Commencement Week. The system planned would seem most suitable but it has not materialized. However the Editors desire to express their appreciation to the faithful and to hope for the Commencement of 1913.

University News.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES

Trustees present: President Henry Churchill King; Dr. Dudley P. Allen, of Cleveland, O.; Dr. Dan F. Bradley, of Cleveland, O.; Mr. William Cochran, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. J. G. W. Cowles, of Cleveland, O.; Mr. E. Dana Durand, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Frank S. Fitch, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. H. Clark Ford, of Cleveland, O.; Mr. William N. Gates, of Elyria, O.; Mr. Homer H. Johnson, of Cleveland, O.; Mr. Charles H. Kirschner, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. Irving W. Metcalf, of Oberlin, O.; Mr. John Rogers, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. Charles J. Ryder, of New York, N. Y.; Mr. Charles B. Shedd, of Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Henry M. Tenney, of Oberlin, O.; Dr. Lucien C. Warner, of New York, N. Y.

Amos Calvin Miller, Esq., of Chicago, Ill., was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles Finney Cox of New York City. Mr. Miller is a graduate of Oberlin College in the class of 1889, and is a member of the law firm of Lackner, Butz, and Miller of Chicago.

The chief subject of the discussion was the adoption of the general plan prepared by Mr. Cass Gilbert, Architect, of New York, for the location of future buildings. Mr. Gilbert was present for consultation regarding this plan. It was decided to place the Administration Building back of the Botanical Laboratory, between Finney Chapel and Peters Hall. For the construction of the Administra-

tion Building an anonymous donor gave \$50,000 one year ago, the building to be a memorial for General Jacob D. Cox, Ex-Governor of Ohio, one of the most distinguished of Oberlin's alumni.

A gift of \$50,000 was announced from Mr. Charles M. Hall, a member of the class of 1885, to be used for the removal of the Academy Department from its present buildings on the Campus to the new site on the Johnson Property, and for further help in carrying out the possibilities of the general plan. Mr. Hall also promised the sum of \$2,500 a year for three years for beautifying the Campus.

The Trustees considered the recommendations for budget appropriations for the year 1912-13, and adopted a budget providing for the expenditures of \$351,900. Of this amount it is estimated that \$193,000 will be received from term bills of students; \$96,000 from income from endowments; and \$62,000 from sundry sources.

Appointments on the teaching staff for 1912-13 were confirmed as follows:

Alan W. C. Menzies, permanent appointment as Professor of Chemistry; George David Hubbard, permanent appointment as Professor of Geology; Miss Mary Emily Sinclair, permanent appointment as Associate Professor of Mathematics; William Henry Chapin, permanent appointment as Associate Professor of Chemistry; Russell Parsons Jameson, permanent appointment as Associate

Professor of Romance Languages; Edward James Moore, permanent appointment as Associate Professor of Physics; Orville Alvin Lindquist, Professor of Pianoforte in the Conservatory of Music; Earl Wilson Gehrkins, Associate Professor of Public School Music in the Conservatory of Music; Francis Easton Carr, permanent appointment as Instructor in Mathematics; Miss Esther Cochran Ward, permanent appointment as Instructor in English; George Sherman Dickinson, Instructor of Harmony in the Conservatory of Music; Miss Mary Belden, Instructor in English; Mrs. Ellen Birdseye Hatch, Instructor in Physical Training; Miss Hermine Caroline Stueven, Instructor in German; Earl Augustus Aldrich, Instructor in English; Mrs. Ellen Guthrie Nuse, Instructor in Drawing and Painting; Miss Elizabeth May Adams, Instructor in French; Henry Herbert Armstrong, Instructor in Latin and Greek; Glen Carlton Gray, Instructor in Physical Training and Athletic Coach; Mrs. Florence Jenney Clancy, Instructor in Singing in the Conservatory of Music; George Ross Maurice Wells, Instructor in Psychology; Carl Conrad W. Nicol, Instructor in Philosophy; Miss Helen Finney Cochran, Associate Professor of Physical Training and Acting Director of the Women's Gymnasium; Mrs. Miriam T. Runyon, Instructor in Anatomy; John Ebenezer Wirkler, Assistant to the Secretary of the College; Miss Mary Theodosia Currier, Reference Librarian; Thomas Nelson Metcalf, Instructor in Physical Training; Gordon Adams Clapp, Instructor in Zoology; Victor Vaughan Lytle, Instructor in

Harmony and Reader in History of Music in the Conservatory of Music; Louis Theodore Anderegg, Assistant in Chemistry; Mrs. Alice Mead Swing, Tutor in German in Oberlin Academy; Mrs. Mary Taylor Cowdery, Tutor in French in Oberlin Academy; Mrs. Antoinette Beard Harroun, Tutor in German in Oberlin Academy; Robert Eugene Cushman, Tutor in History in Oberlin Academy; Miss Rachel Coss, Tutor in English in Oberlin Academy; Miss Mary Irene Dick, Teacher of Physical Training; Miss Edith Scott Gray, Assistant in Economics; Miss Mabel Carolyn Eldred, Instructor in Physical Training; John Hall Kellogg, Tutor in Mathematics in Oberlin Academy.

The Trustees granted leave of absence for the second semester of 1912-13 to Professor Maynard Mayo Metcalf, Professor of Zoology; leave of absence was also granted to Miss Ethel May Kitch, Instructor in Philosophy and Psychology, for two years, for further study; to Professor Friedrich Johann Lehmann, of the Conservatory of Music, for one year, for study and travel in Europe; and to Professor Fred Eugene Leonard, Director of the Men's Gymnasium and Professor of Physiology and Physical Training, for one year, for study and travel in Europe.

The Trustees accepted the recommendations from the Faculty for the granting of degrees and diplomas for those who are completing courses in the various departments as follows: the degree of Bachelor of Arts to eighty men and one hundred and twenty-one women, total two hundred and one; the degree of Master

of Arts to seven men and six women, total thirteen; the degree of Bachelor of Music to four men and ten women, total fourteen; the diploma of the Teacher's Course in Physical Training to ten men and sixteen women, total twenty-six; the aggregate of degrees and diplomas authorized was two hundred and fifty-six.

In addition to the degrees and diplomas to be granted at the Commencement Exercises eleven men received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at the graduation exercises of the Theological Seminary in May, and sixty-one students graduated from Oberlin Academy at the Commencement Exercises of the Academy last week. The aggregate of all degrees and diplomas issued by Oberlin College this year is three hundred and twenty-six.

During the year 1911-12 the enrollment of the students in all departments amounted to 1,799. Of this number 998 were classed in the college of Arts and Sciences; 39 in the Theological Seminary; 367 in the Conservatory of Music; 291 in the Academy; 39 in the Department of Drawing and Painting; and 55 in the Summer Session of 1911. The enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences was the largest with one exception in the history of the College. The number of students registered as freshmen, 283, has only been exceeded once in the history of the College.

The preliminary registration of students for 1912-13 promises a freshman class of 300 and a total attendance in the College Department of 1,000.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This review of the year before the Alumni, I suppose, as compared intended to be an informal account in the circle of the family.

The account for the present year falls under the heads, Persons, Things and Events.

It does not need to be said that these will necessarily more or less interlock.

I. PERSONS.

It is impossible to review the personal factors in the college year without being reminded, first of all, of the loss that the College has sustained in the death of its gifted Trustee, Mr. Charles Finney Cox, who has been, since 1903, a most valued member of the Board of Trustees. It is rare to find combined, as in his case, such marked scientific interests and recognition, on the one hand, and such outstanding business ability, on the other, and no one could be in his presence even for a few moments without feeling the fineness of his personality. He gave to the College deep interest and a wise and thoughtful consideration of its many problems. It will be difficult indeed to replace upon the Board of Trustees a personality like his.

There should be mentioned in this connection, also, the very recent death, June 11, of Mr. Chester H. Pond, for eleven years, and until his removal to Mississippi, a valued member of the Board of Trustees, showing his interest in the College in many ways. Mr. Pond's gift of the Chapel Clock and of the connected series of clocks for all the college buildings, was especially appreciated.

Since the anniversary days began

there has also occurred the serious illness of Mr. Edward J. Goodrich, a member of the Board of Trustees since 1878. The present report of Mr. Goodrich's condition is, on the whole, favorable.

There have been on leave of absence for the year, from the Faculty, Professors Bosworth, Miskovsky, Wightman and Dr. Delphine Hanna, and for the second half of the year Professor Root. It has happened in several of these cases that the year's leave of absence was needed for rest, as well as for study, and it is hoped that the year has brought to all of them the recuperation desired, though Professor Miskovsky's year in Bohemia has been—to his own great disappointment—much broken into by rather long illness. It does not need to be said that it has, of course, been a serious loss to the work of the College to have so many strong personalities withdrawn, even temporarily, from its work, and their return is anticipated with great satisfaction.

Recognition should be made of the fact that during the absence of these teachers, Professor Fullerton has taken on extra work in order to conduct courses to replace in part Professor Bosworth's regular work; that Mr. Kallina and Miss Cochran have carried most satisfactorily the responsibility of the Slavic Department and of the Women's Gymnasium respectively, and that the addition of an Instructor in the Department of the Romance Languages made it possible for most of Professor Wightman's work to be continued. This additional Instructorship will go on, and marks a permanent addition for the Department of the Romance

Languages.

The year has been marked by the serious illness of three members of the Faculty: Professor Lyman B. Hall, of the Department of History; Miss Thompson and Miss Brownback, Instructors in English in the Academy. Miss Brownback was fortunately able to take up her work again with the second term of the Academy year, but Miss Thompson has been obliged to remit her teaching for the entire year, and is still far from well. Professor Hall's illness began just before the third term of the college year and his work has been carried in the meantime very successfully by Professor Willard C. MacNaul. Professor Hall expects to be able to resume his teaching with the beginning of the college year.

It is with genuine regret that his colleagues of the Faculty see the close of Professor Jewett's thirty-two years of scholarly and efficient service as Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy. Professor Jewett has reached the age limit of service as determined by the rule of the Board of Trustees, and retires upon the Carnegie Foundation, sharing now with Professor G. Frederick Wright and Professor Albert H. Currier the honorable title of Professor Emeritus. Professor Jewett will have a laboratory room of his own in the Chemistry Building, and plans to give the College valuable service in some much needed work on the Mineralogical collection.

Some of the more important changes in the Faculty for the coming year may be reviewed.

Leave of absence for the coming

year has been granted to Professor Leonard, of the Department of Physical Training, to Professor Lehmann of the Conservatory, and to Miss Kitch of the Department of Philosophy. Miss Kitch's leave of absence is for study looking to the doctorate, and with the expectation that she will return to an Associate Professorship in Philosophy. Under peculiarly difficult conditions Miss Kitch has won an incontestable success in her teaching, and the Faculty appointed her with enthusiasm to the new Aelioian Fellowship.

Of the resignations, perhaps three only need be mentioned. Mr. Durand has yielded to the urgency of his friends at Yankton College and returned to the service of that College in the enlarged position of Vice President. It will not be thought invidious to mention also the resignations of Miss Tenney and Mr. Nichols, in view of the large place that Miss Tenney has made for herself in the Department of Physical Training for Women, and in view of the part that Mr. Nichols has had in the highly successful inauguration which the year has seen of the system of Faculty coaching. Mr. Nichols has shared with Mr. Gray (whom the College is happy to be able to retain for another year) the responsibilities of this first year under the new system.

Among the promotions should be mentioned the permanent appointments of Mr. George David Hubbard to be Professor of Geology, and of Associate Professors Sinclair, Chapin, Jameson and Moore of the College of Arts and Sciences, and of Associate Professors Lindquist and

Gherkens of the Conservatory of Music, and of Instructors Carr and Ward in the College of Arts and Sciences. These teachers have all won an undoubted place for themselves in the permanent staff of Instructors.

Of the new appointments the one plainly claiming special mention is that of Dr. Alan W. C. Menzies to succeed Professor Jewett as permanent Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Menzies is an alumnus of the University of Edinburgh and has been a graduate student in Leipsic, in Aberdeen, and the University of Chicago, and comes from highly successful teaching both in England and in the United States. He accepted the position in Oberlin against two other important offers from large universities, and financially more rewarding, and the College welcomes him with great confidence to its instructing staff.

The year under review has been also the first complete year of the service of Professor Charles N. Cole as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It is due to Dean Cole to say that the year has shown large and undoubted gains in the matters for which the Dean's office is responsible, and that the President has found great satisfaction in feeling that the more purely scholastic work of the College of Arts and Sciences was being effectively supervised at every point and to a degree probably never before true. Freshmen in particular have been given most careful attention.

In the further advances made during the year in the line of the application of the tests of efficiency, there

should be mentioned also with Professor Cole, the efficient service of Professor Martin as Chairman of the General Faculty, and of the other Chairmen of the main committees on the tests of efficiency, Professors MacLennan, Auderegg and Leonard. The President wishes that due recognition might also be made of the many other individual members of the Faculty who have greatly helped in working out subordinate problems in this whole study of increasing the efficiency of the college work.

The last few years have also seen much improvement in the entire boarding house situation, thanks especially to Dean Fitch's careful study and progressive plans, in cooperation with the other Deans of Women.

The important responsibility of Dean of Academy Women was added for the year to the work of Miss Hosford, Associate Professor of Latin in the Academy, and has been carried by her with exceptional success—success like that already achieved in her work as Chairman of the Committee on Beneficiary Aid for Women.

The Conservatory of Music has rejoiced in the great strengthening brought to its string department by the first full year's work of Professor Kohler and Professor Goerner.

The President ought not to fail, either, in this review of the year, to recognize the splendid fashion in which he has been helped in the administration of the College by the other officers in the Administration Building, — Treasurer Severance, Secretary Jones, Dean Cole, Mr. Williams and Mr. Bohn. It is hard to see how the large advances of recent

years could be effectively cared for at all without the invaluable services rendered by these men. Secretary Jones feels that the present year has shown especial gains in his own office through the appointment of his Assistant, Mr. Wirkler.

Exceptionally successful publicity service has been rendered the College by Associate Professor Sherman, who has placed in leading newspapers during the year more than 8000 lines of Oberlin news.

And surely Alumni and visitors present at Commencement time will wish to recognize with the President the painstaking of the various Faculty Committees on Commencement, and the fine quality of the service given by them. I never pass through a Commencement season without fresh gratitude to the members of these Committees,—for this year under the Chairmanship of Secretary Jones, Professor Jameson, Professor Leonard, Professor Savage, Professor Morrison and Professor Cowdery.

I am glad to report that other members of the Faculty have joined Professor Hutchins in resisting tempting calls elsewhere. Not only the Conservatory of Music, but all Oberlin's interests may well rejoice that Professor Andrews declined a call that gave him the promise of as fine an organ as could be built, of the Directorship of a splendid chorus, of more freedom for his own public work, and of a salary far larger than Oberlin could offer. In view of this it is certainly to be hoped that the placing in the Chapel of an organ of the very first quality may not be long delayed.

The President is grateful that his Assistant has so far resisted various flattering calls to other work, and trusts that Professor Wolfe may add another declination to those previously made by him to calls elsewhere. One of the things that Oberlin College has a right to be proud of is that it has been able generally to hold its men against alluring calls elsewhere.

The College is graduating this year the largest class in its history.

II. THINGS

If one passes from this personal aspect of the life and work of the year, to the things that stand out in the year's history, there will naturally be mentioned, first, of course, the bringing in several months ago of practically the entire amount of the Half Million Fund, the pledges for which were completed last June. Less than \$2,000 of the New Half Million Fund remains to be paid, and these pledges are absolutely good. It is seldom that so large a fund is so promptly cleared up. It is hoped that as a result of the completion of this Half Million Fund and of the enlargement of resources due to increase in tuitions, all the departments except the Academy may now be put on their own footing without deficit, and that the University account that carries general expenses may be able also to continue henceforth without deficit.

The outstanding gift of the year, announced now for the first time, is one promised by a gentleman in New York the other day, of \$100,000 for the Theological Seminary. This is the largest single gift that the Seminary has ever received in its history,

and will mean very much for that Department. The gift will be divided between endowment for the Student Employment Fund, and endowment for a greatly needed new Chair. The Seminary Faculty should be still farther enlarged, if it is to maintain its standing side by side with the best that Theological education offers in America.

The President is, also, now at liberty to add, since the Trustee meeting of yesterday, the announcement of a gift of \$50,000 by Mr. Charles M. Hall of the Class of 1885, for the removal of the Academy to its new site on the Johnson property, and for further help in carrying out the possibilities of the General Plan; and of \$2500 a year for three years for the further beautifying of the Campus.

A gift of \$10,000 by an anonymous donor has also been received for the always needed library endowment; and within a few days there has come in from Mrs. Helen Handy Newberry, of Detroit, a further \$1,000 for a scholarship for young women.

It should be gratefully recognized also that the present year has added to the L. L. S. Fellowship for graduate study, two other Fellowships, one the gift of the Aelioian Society, and the other the gift of the Alumni Magazine. These three Fellowships give the College an opportunity to help its own Alumni in graduate study, in a way that it has long desired to do.

The President acknowledges with special gratitude also the continued help of the Living Endowment Union, whose annual contribution

of \$2500 makes possible advances that the College could not otherwise undertake. Few things could help the College so much as the steady extension of its Living Endowment Union.

There should be mentioned here also the unusually large amount raised in Oberlin for Oberlin's work in Shansi, the subscriptions for the year reaching nearly \$2400. The sum was made larger by reason of the fact that the Senior Class self-forgetfully turned \$150 that would ordinarily be put into a Class memorial here at Oberlin, into a gift for special equipment for the Oberlin-Shansi Memorial Academy. Those of the Alumni who heard Mr. Corbin Sunday night will not need to be told of the greatness of the opportunity open for Oberlin's educational work in Shansi. It is a work worthy of our best endeavors, and it is to be hoped that the Alumni may take a constantly enlarging interest in this educational work of Oberlin on the other side of the world.

Mention should be made, too, of the fact that the College Library has been enriched by some splendid specimens of privately printed books, the gift of Mr. W. K. Bixby of St. Louis.

First among the building gains of the year should be named the completion of Warner Gymnasium, through the generous gift of Dr. and Mrs. Warner, making that building now so ideal for its purposes, that Dr. Leonard says that he cannot think of another gymnasium in the country, whatever its cost, that he would willingly exchange for it.

The Alumni will be interested in seeing the gains that the new addition has made possible.

Another fine addition to the halls of residence for women has been begun in Kcep Cottage. It is expected that this Cottage will be ready for occupancy with the beginning of the next college year, and will provide admirable accommodations for fifty-two young women under the efficient matronship of Mrs. Davidson.

The year under review has been the first full year of use of the Men's Building. Visitors to the building seem uniformly to feel the large addition which has been made to the facilities of the College by the gift of this splendid building.

Within the last few days there has also come into the hands of the College a recently painted portrait of Mrs. Johnston, the gift of Miss Emilie S. Coles of New York City. The portrait will be found hanging in the L. L. S. Society room, since the Library already has a portrait of Mrs. Johnston.

III. Events.

The Faculty certainly would feel that one of the events to be recorded in the year under review was the additions to salaries.

The special educational event of the year, no doubt, has been the continued work of the Faculty upon efficiency tests, the scholastic gains growing out of changes already made, and the adoption of a plan for relieving the Faculty meetings, through the Dean's office, of much more routine business. There are still important reports of efficiency Committees to be considered, but the main task just ahead is, no doubt,

to digest and bring to full effectiveness the changes already made.

A distinct advance has been registered once again by the Conservatory in adopting a still stricter standard concerning the admission and distribution of its students. The new policy should make Conservatory teachers of the rank of Professors and Associate Professors fully eligible for the benefits of the Carnegie Foundation. The new Conservatory policy involves four points:

1. As previously announced, the Conservatory is not now registering anyone for full work in the Conservatory who has not met the same requirements for admission as students of the College Department. The Conservatory of Music becomes, thus, a department of full College rank. This policy has already been so fully carried out for the latter part of the year under review, that only five students of Academy rank were taking the major part of their work in the Conservatory, and even this small remainder will be eliminated the coming year.

2. The Conservatory has also adopted the policy of assigning to Professors or Associate Professors only those Conservatory students who are of College rank, thus insuring that teachers proposed for the benefits of the Carnegie Foundation shall be giving their time to students of full College rank.

3. In the third place, the College is at present not classing in the Conservatory at all, but in the Academy, all students who, though taking part work in music, have not met the requirements for admission to college.

4. In the fourth place, the list

of students, chiefly public school pupils, who are taking—as it seems desirable for them to take—a little work in the Conservatory, are no longer counted in the enrollment totals of the college, though accurate record requires the printing of their names. For these home pupils—largely children—the College has adopted for the last catalog, in order that the exact facts may be known beyond peradventure, this plan: they are printed after all the other students under the heading “Unclassified students—not of College Rank,” followed by the note: “The students listed below have not met the literary requirements for admission to the College of Arts and Sciences or the Conservatory of Music. They are students whose homes are in Oberlin or in towns near Oberlin; most of them are public school students. They are not counted by the College in the summary of attendance on page 413.” For this year there were 42 such students listed under the heading “Taking one subject in the Conservatory of Music.”

The administrative offices watched with considerable anxiety the effect upon attendance produced by the increased tuition in the College of Arts and Sciences, in the Conservatory, and in the Academy. It should be remembered that with the increased tuition a sum sufficient to give a corresponding increased amount of beneficiary aid for students needing it, was set aside for the use of both College and Academy students. The attendance in the College Department was practically unaffected, being only six less than

last year. The attendance in the Conservatory of Music and in the Academy, on the other hand, was considerably reduced, though it is not entirely certain that the reduction in either case was due simply to increased tuition. The raised standard of the Conservatory and other causes combined to affect the situation in these two departments. It is interesting, however, to observe that the proportion of men in the entire institution during the last year has been larger than at any time for ten years.

The budget adopted by the Trustees for the ensuing year, while it does not make possible the further salary advances hoped for, does provide an additional Instructor in the department of Psychology, an added Reader in the Department of Sociology, somewhat larger appropriations for the Library, and some other substantial advances; and all the officers of the College have the satisfaction of knowing that the College is in decidedly better financial condition than ever before in its history. The Alumni will be interested in knowing that the budget shows a total annual expenditure of more than \$350,000.

The Alumni already know that Mr. Cass Gilbert of New York, an Architect of distinguished reputation, to whom his fellow Architects have paid the highest honor in their power in electing him President of the American Institute of Architects, has been appointed by the Trustees as the Architect for the General Plan for the Buildings and Grounds of the College, and Architect of the individual buildings to be erected

during his term of service. The Trustees adopted at their meeting yesterday the general features of Mr. Gilbert's plan, and decided upon the location of the Administration Building—a little back and a few feet to the north of the present botany laboratory. The plan takes, of course, a long look into the future, but is one full of promise for the growing beauty and organic unity of the buildings and grounds of the College. In its general aspects it has been heartily approved by the Faculty and seemingly welcomed as well by the citizens of the community. The large amount of service rendered by the Trustee Committee on Buildings and Grounds, in bringing about this result, is but a single illustration of the indebtedness of the College to its Board of Trustees. Large gifts of time and thought and money mark the whole record of their relation to the College, as matters already mentioned amply bear testimony.

Not least among the gains of the recent years, the College counts the progress of Alumni Day, for whose effective carrying out the College is under deep obligation to the Alumni.

Taken as a whole, the year now passed in review must be recognized as one of large and steady growth, marked by changes the full fruit of which will enrich other years, and characterized by a general wholesomeness of spirit for which we may all be truly thankful. The primary work of the College I think has never been better done, though there are clear gains still to be made. It is gratifying to be able to record, for one thing, that wise rules for

the regulation of the outside activities of the students have been adopted with the hearty approval of the student body itself. And that may be fairly regarded as symptomatic of much other similar cooperation in the upbuilding of a still better Oberlin.

Henry Churchill King.

HONORARY DEGREES

Dean Cole presented the candidates for honorary degrees with the following characterizations: Miss Frances Mary Beaumont, Captain Charles Howland, Dr. George C. Mosher and Miss Anna J. Wright for the degree of Master of Arts; Rev. Charles R. Brown, Professor E. D. Burton and Rev. S. E. Eastman the degree of Doctor of Divinity and Kenyon Cox the degree of Doctor of Letters.

Mr. President: It is most fitting that the College, in choosing to whom to pay its tributes of honor for their achievements in various fields, should take into account first of all those who went from its halls to their work in life. It is with especial satisfaction, therefore, that I present to you first an alumna of this College, of English birth, a teacher who for more than forty years after her graduation taught in the same school the literature of her native land and tongue. In recognition of a career so remarkable and of an extraordinarily influential life, I take great pleasure in presenting, for the honorary degree of Master of Arts, Miss Frances Mary Beaumont, of the class of 1868, teacher of English literature in the Central High School of Cleveland.

Mr. President: The camp is al-

ways far remote from the campus, and a soldier's deeds are seldom such as may appropriately be honored with academic titles and degrees. It is an unusual opportunity that we have today, to recognize the qualities of one who combines the characteristics of the soldier and the scholar. Student in Oberlin College for two years, graduate of the Military Academy, at West Point, Captain in the United States Army, recipient by Act of Congress of a medal of honor for one of many acts of conspicuous gallantry, expert in military law, compiler of an authoritative digest of opinions of the Judge-Advocate General of the Army, Charles Roscoe Howland abundantly merits the distinction it is our honor to confer today. It is a pleasure to present him for the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Mr. President: The possibilities of great and lasting service to one's fellow-beings that lie within the grasp of the devoted physician in a great city there will be none to deny. In these days of swift advance in medical science and of rapid progress in all that pertains to healthful living, his opportunities are all but limitless. I have the honor to present to you a man who has made wide and notable use of such opportunities. A leading physician in Kansas City, for more than twenty years professor in medical schools of that city, prominent writer on medical and hygienic subjects, active and self-sacrificing worker for purity in the city's milk supply, Dr. George Clark Mosher is eminently worthy of honor at the hands of this institution. I take pleasure in presenting

him for the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Again, Mr. President, I have the honor to present a graduate of the College whose service in the schools has been long and notable, and whose steady devotion and modest, unobtrusive service, combined with the charm of a gracious personality, has made her life one of untold value to successive generations of high school students. I take pleasure in presenting for the honorary degree of Master of Arts, Miss Anna Jane Wright, of the class of 1872, for more than a quarter of a century teacher in the high schools of Cleveland.

I have the honor to present to you, Mr. President, for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, a man who recently went from the pastorate of a great church on the Pacific coast to the headship of a great theological school on the coast of the Atlantic, a man of rare gifts as preacher, teacher, writer, orator and executor, clearly destined to lead into fields of even wider and more enduring usefulness the institution of which he has become the head. I present Charles Reynolds Brown, Dean of the Divinity School of Yale University.

It seems especially appropriate, Mr. President, that this institution should make plain its lively appreciation of the scholarship of men distinguished for their studies in the field of Biblical research. Such a man I present to you in Earnest DeWitt Burton, professor of New Testament Literature and Interpretation in the University of Chicago, editor-in-chief of the *Biblical World*, author

and co-author of widely known books of constructive scholarship, able and effective teacher of the language and literature of the New Testament. It is a pleasure to present him for the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In the Christian minister who unites to scholarly preaching an active, vital interest in the growing struggle for civic, political, and social righteousness is peculiarly typified the spirit that Oberlin would honor in her sons. Such a man I have the pleasure to present to you, Mr. President, for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, in the person of another member of the class of 1872, the able pastor of an historic church, earnest student of the economic and social problems of the times, and fearless opponent of corruption in public life, Samuel Elijah Eastman, pastor of The Park Church, Elmira, N. Y.

I have the honor to present to you, Mr. President, for the degree of Doctor of Letters, a famous painter, whose brush has won distinction alike in the fields of portraiture and figure-painting, in illustration, and in mural decoration; a teacher of art, of notable skill and success; a critic of art, whose vigorous and trenchant pen expounds with authority the canons of his favorite subject; and a poet whose inspiration and charm have given him a secure place in the temple of letters. In honoring him the College would honor also the distinguished family to which he belongs, a family that has played a very large part in her history. I present Kenyon Cox.

President King in conferring the degrees, spoke as follows:

Francis Mary Beaumont:

whose earnest character, winning personality and refinement of taste have irradiated her forty-four years of service as a teacher of English Literature in the Central High School of Cleveland, and made her a molding factor in hundreds of lives.

Charles Roscoe Howland:

Captain in the United States Army, military student and author, rendering able service in the Judge Advocates General's office, hero of a most difficult and dangerous venture in the saving of human life, and winning the warm commendation of his superior officers for distinguished gallantry in the Philippines.

George C. Mosher:

Trusted and skilful physician, able medical instructor, honored by his professional colleagues, bringing to his medical work personal and civic conscience, and putting a whole great city in his debt by his measures for saving infant lives.

Anna Jane Wright:

Completing this year forty years of continuous and constructive service of the Nation as a wise and stimulating teacher in its public High Schools.

Charles Reynolds Brown:

Winning a unique place in the religious leadership of the Pacific coast, challenging a like leadership now on the Atlantic coast; clear sighted and bold, felicitous and upbuilding preacher, and head of a great Training School for religious and social service.

Ernest Dewitt Burton:

New Testament scholar and auth-

or, inspiring teacher, editor of learned journals, trusted adviser in great projects, and a leading force in a great University.

Samuel Elijah Eastman:

Scholar, writer, man of fine feeling and delicate insight, discriminating and inspiring preacher, discerning and sympathetic pastor, a potent force through the years for social and civic righteousness.

Kenyon Cox:

Distinguished son of a distinguished father, gifted painter and author, marked by intellectual integrity, calling out the staunch faith of his friends; both artist and consummate literary interpreter of Art, embodying in rare degree the spirit of his own lines.

"Work thou for pleasure; pain or sing or carve

The thing thou lovest, though the body starve.

Who works for glory misses oft the goal;

Who works for money coins his very soul;

Work for the work's sake, then, and it may be

That these things shall be added unto thee."

MUSICAL NOTES

The musical events of the Spring term included the May Festival, a song recital by Miss Elena Gerhardt and a concert by the Zoellner String Quartet, besides a large number of student recitals, the Conservatory Commencement concerts, etc. The season as a whole has been one of the most brilliant in Oberlin musical annals.

Miss Gerhardt gave one of the

Oberlin people that a work of such exalted and often austere character as Franck's "Beatitudes" should hold so high a place in their esteem. Although it contains passages of a force and brilliancy that might be called in a general sense dramatic, the portions that most strongly appeal are of a reserved and ecclesiastical tone. The depth of feeling, and the refinement and purity of style manifested in melody and harmony of wonderful richness and beauty, place this oratorio among the very greatest religious works that have been written in the nineteenth century.

The performance, while not especially distinguished, was satisfactory as measured by any standard that we have a right to set up. Owing to the difficulty of the music sung at the March concert, the Union had too short a time in which to give the work a perfectly adequate preparation. Professor Andrews showed a most intelligent grasp of the score, and his strong interpretations and his firm command of chorus and orchestra were plainly in evidence throughout. The visiting soloists, Mr. Werrenwrath (voice of Christ), Mr. Middleton (Satan), Mr. Althouse (tenor), Miss Rennyson and Miss Welsh, on the whole fulfilled the good expectations that had been formed of them. Minor solos were effectively delivered by Mrs. Adams, Mr. Adams and Mr. Harroun of the Conservatory.

It was again apparent that the Musical Union is too small to give a really effective rendering of such massive oratorios as "The Beati-

tudes" and the "Messiah" in a space so large as the Finney Chapel. Especial efforts will be made next year to increase the membership.

The afternoon concert by the New York Symphony Orchestra, under Mr. Damrosch, gave a rather conventional performance of the great Fifth Symphony of Beethoven. Mr. Shattuck, who made his first appearance in Oberlin, gave a vivid rendering of Tschaiakovsky's splendid Concerto in B flat minor. The other works played by the orchestra were Elgar's March, "With Pomp and Circumstance," and the Waltz, "Roses from the South," by Johann Strauss.

Edward Dickinson

GIFT OF MR. BIXBY

Mr. William K. Bixby of St. Louis has recently given the College a valuable collection of privately printed books. Among them are the following:

Aaron Burr's Private Journal during the years 1808-1810 when he was traveling abroad, George Washington's Letters to Tobias Lear, his military secretary between the year 1786 and the end of his life; the Unpublished Letters of General Zachary Taylor from the battlefields of the Mexican War; Dr. Alexander Hamilton's Itinerarium, an account of his journey through the colonies along the seaboard in 1774; a facsimile of Robert Burns's manuscripts, the originals owned by Mr. Bixby and published by the Burns Club of St. Louis; Eugene Field's "My Book," a facsimile copy of a manuscript book given by Field to W. C. Buskett and by him to Mr. Bixby; and the corres-

pondence between Charles Dickens and the original of "Dora" in David Copperfield. One of the most valuable is the poet Shelley's Notebooks, edited in three volumes by Buxton Forman.

In his letter of presentation, Mr. Bixby assures: "These books would bring at auction anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 in New York at any time. None of them has ever been sold except at book auctions on the death of some of the parties to whom I had given them."

OHIO AS A SOCIAL LABORATORY

On June first the Social Survey of Ohio began. In the four months following it is expected that twenty countries of the State of Ohio will be surveyed, every county being visited and its social conditions and institutions examined by trained men using a uniform method of inquiry.

This work is done under my direction, with the guidance of an Advisory Council, of which President W. O. Thompson of Ohio State University is Chairman. In its membership are representatives of the leading colleges and the leading religious denominations in Ohio. There is no state in the Union so brilliant in its scholastic organization as Ohio, unless it be Massachusetts, and the co-operation of the Ohio colleges with the Ohio church bodies promises a report of extraordinary value.

This makes Ohio a social laboratory, which the colleges and universities of the state ought to use. In every one of the greater schools is a Department of Social Science having one or more professors. These de-

partments are very popular, especially in the senior classes. The instruction, however, partakes in a measure of a dogmatical character due to the lack of laboratory facilities. The students are too often put at the study of social dogmas like Socialism, Single Tax, Free Trade, or other terminal discussion in the science. It would be better if the student were put at field work in the early part of his study of society. This Ohio Rural Life Survey offers an extraordinary opportunity for such field work.

We stand ready to furnish for colleges or universities attempting this kind of work the blanks for the survey of country communities; and to instruct the workers in these field surveys by correspondence and by personal interviews. We will also be responsible for making summaries of the returns so far as they are of interest to the public. We would expect to share in the use of those returns in order to complete the Survey of Ohio for which we are responsible.

The College Department, however, doing this work would have the use of an ordered social laboratory with a method of using the student already prepared and with much of the work already done. The stimulus of a great movement in the investigation of a highly cultured state is also a help in this work. Students who may have ability to write, not only monographs for the class room but articles for the public press, will find that this social survey furnishes them the needed material as well as the stimulus.

We have no funds for such stu-

dents investigations. If some Ohio philanthropist desires to advance the cause of social education in the State of Ohio he could not place ten thousand dollars to greater advantage than to turn it over to President Thompson and the Advisory Council for the use exclusively in college class rooms and seminars throughout the state on this method. The student who has studied the social life in the country at first hand will never be a social visionary.

Special lines of investigation that might be pursued are these: "The Farmer's Income: Is it Adequate to Social Improvement?" "Recreation in Country Towns, its Moral Direction and Tendencies." "The Pennsylvania Germans in Ohio." "Rural Presbyterians as a Productive Type." "The Social Forces Characteristic of the Western Reserve." These topics and others like them will grow out of the Ohio Survey and they have exceptional value in college seminars as well as for the general public.

Warren H. Wilson.

COLLEGE PERSONALS

Dean Charles N. Cole was the representative of the College at the twentieth anniversary, June 26, of the founding of Perkiomen Seminary at Pennsburg, Pennsylvania. Since its foundation Mr. Oscar S. Kriebel '89 has been the Principal.

Professor Kemper Fullerton represented Princeton University and Oberlin College at the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, June 13.

Professor W. G. Caskey represent-

ed Oberlin at the 75th anniversary of the founding of Knox College, celebrated at Galesburg, June 7-13.

Professor F. E. Leonard represented Oberlin at the 75th anniversary of the founding of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, June 23-27.

The Willard School for American girls in Berlin, held its closing exercises on the evening of June 5. Dr. Alice H. Luce, the principal, will spend the Summer at Casco Bay, Maine.

Professor and Mrs. F. F. Jewett left on the twenty-ninth of June for Honolulu. They will spend the summer in Hawaii and return to Oberlin in September.

Professor G. Harrison Durand, who has this year been taking Professor Jelliffe's work, returns next year to Fargo College where he will fill the office of Vice-President of the College, an office especially created for him.

President H. C. King will deliver a course of lectures in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, during the summer session.

Mr. Karl Gehrkins, who was chairman of the public school section of the Ohio State Music Teachers' Association held in Columbus, June 25-27, spoke Wednesday morning on the subject, "What work in music ought the normal school to require of its prospective grade teachers?"

Dr. H. H. Armstrong and Miss Dora M. Ehrgood were married at the home of the bride, Lebanon,

Pennsylvania, Friday afternoon, June 14, 1912. Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong will spend most of the summer in Rome, Italy, and will return to Oberlin where Mr. Armstrong is a member of the department of Greek and Latin.

Professor W. K. Breckenridge, Professor D. Franz Kohler and Frederick A. Goerner gave the entire program Thursday afternoon at the Ohio State Teachers' Music Association.

Professor Arletta Abbott is visiting in North Ridgefield, Connecticut.

Professor and Mrs. E. I. Bosworth have returned to Oberlin after several months of travel and rest abroad.

Professor and Mrs. A. S. Kimball will spend their summer at Ipswich, Massachusetts.

Professor Morrison autotomobiled to Columbus, Ohio, for the Ohio State Music Teachers' Association. Miss Helen Morrison, Professor H. H. Carter and Professor J. F. Alderfer made up the party.

ACTA DIURNA

May 22—Oberlin defeated the base ball team of O. S. U. 7-6. The game was interesting to the spectators from the large amount of hitting and base running. Wasson and Bradley both pitched for Oberlin.

Oberlin—

	A. B.	H.	O.	E.
Henderson, 2	5	1	3	1
Young, 3	5	3	1	0
Pyle, lf	5	1	0	0
Haas, m	3	1	2	1

Clark, c	4	2	6	0
Nilson, c	0	0	1	0
Keller, rb	4	1	9	0
Colmery, ss	1	0	1	2
Miller, rf	4	1	1	0
Bradley, p	1	0	2	0
Wasson, p	3	1	1	0

Total	35	11	27	4
O. S. U.				

A. B. H. O. E.

Fritz, c	2	0	10	0
Bliss, m	4	1	1	0
Jones, r	4	1	2	0
Meckling, lf	5	2	2	0
Smythe, rb	5	3	3	0
Reilly, 3	5	2	1	0
Hogsett, ss	4	0	1	2
Grant, 2	4	0	2	0
Richmond, p	0	0	1	0
Trautman, p	4	1	1	0

Total	37	9	24	2
Four hits, 4 runs, 5 times at bat off Richmond.				

Five hits, 3 runs, 22 times at bat off Wasson.

Two-base hits—Smythe, Haas, Wasson, Miller.

Three-base hits—Pyle.

Home runs—Clark and Jones.

Sacrifice hit—Bliss.

Stolen bases—Reilly, Meckling, Hogsett, Jones, Clark, Colmery, Haas, Spore and Henderson.

Struck out by Trautman, 8; by Wasson, 6; by Bradley, 1.

Left on bases—Oberlin, 8; State, 9.

Umpire—Zimmer.

May 22—Mr. H. J. Douglas, Auditor of the Sherwin-Williams Company, gave a talk on business administration in Sturges Hall.

May 24—The biennial exhibition

of the classes in the Women's Gymnasium was held on the Campus. This year the specialty of the occasion was folk-dancing. Dances from France, Italy, Bohemia, Hungry, Germany, Russia, Finland, Holland, Sweden, Ireland, Scotland, Poland, Japan, and China were all successfully performed. Perhaps the most interesting were the Polish Hungarian and the Columbine, a modern American dance. The grand march which brought on to the field at once all the girls who participated in the afternoon's performance was very well executed and many of the figures were very intricate considering the number of people involved. The last number on the program was the May Pole dance which has never been given with more grace in Oberlin. The proceeds of the day went to the fund for a girls' swimming pool. Great credit for the success of the carnival is due to Miss Tenney and Mrs. Hatch who trained the dancers and to Miss Dick who managed the details and Miss Cochran who had the general oversight.

Oberlin secured third place in the "Big Six" track meet at Columbus. Three records were broken, the two mile which Wikoff of State ran in 9:44, the pole vault, Dreisbach of Reserve, 11 feet, 3½ inches and the one mile, Metcalf of Oberlin, 4:25 3-5. State won a place in every event but one, and on the whole, the showing of Oberlin was disappointing.

Summary:—

220 yard low hurdles, First, Banks (Wesleyan); second, Phelps, (Denison); third, Geraci, (Reserve); fourth, Larrimer, (State). Time 26 2-5 seconds.

100 yard dash. First, Copeland, (State); second, Davenport, (Reserve); third, Keim, (Miami); fourth Day (Wesleyan). Time, 10 2-5 seconds.

Shot put. First, Geissman (State); second, Johnson (Wesleyan); third, Cook (Reserve); fourth, Raymond (State). Distance, 42 feet, 1 inch.

One mile run. First, Metcalf (Oberlin); second, Hawk (State); third, Crellin (State); fourth, L. E. Griffith (Oberlin). Time, 4:25 3-5, a new Big Six record.

440 yard dash. First, Garver (Wesleyan); second, Briggs (State); third, Tucker (Oberlin); fourth, Rogers (State). Time, 52 seconds flat.

120 yard high hurdles. First, Shedd (Oberlin); second, Larrimer (State); third, Banks (Wesleyan); fourth, Heindrichs (Denison). Time, 16 2-5.

Hammer throw. First, McCoy (State); second, Perry (Cincinnati); third, Kuch (Cincinnati); fourth, Shelton (State). Distance, 119 feet, 10 inches.

Pole vault. First, Driesbach (Reserve) and Kessler (State) tied; third, Wagner (Cincinnati); fourth, Sollers, (Miami). Height, 11 feet, 3½ inches. A new Big Six record.

2 mile run. First, Wikoff (State); second, Metcalf (Oberlin); third Crisswell (State); fourth, Frye (Ohio University). Time, 9:44. A new Big Six record.

220 yard dash. First, Copeland (State); second, Keim (Miami); third, Davenport (Reserve); fourth, Day (Wesleyan). Time, 22 2-5 seconds.

Discus throw. First, Johnson (Wes-

leyan); second, Little (Wesleyan); third, Corry (Wooster); fourth, Hicks (Cincinnati). Distance, 114, 2½ inches.

High jump. First, Harvey (Oberlin); second, Rass (State); third, Pond (Case); fourth, Banks (Wesleyan) tied with Herring (Oberlin). Height, 5 feet, 9½ inches.

Half mile run. First, Lee, (State); second, Belt (Wesleyan); third, Pengelly (Oberlin); fourth, Adair (Wesleyan). Time 2 minutes, 1 3-5 seconds.

Broad jump. First, Cook (Reserve); second, Miller (Oberlin); third, Werner (Cincinnati); fourth, Thomas (State). Distance, 20 feet, 8 5-8 inches.

Relay race won by Wesleyan; second, State; third, Miami; fourth, Cincinnati. Time, 3 minutes, 29 1-5 seconds.

Final Standing of Teams

State, 58 points; Wesleyan, 34½; Oberlin, 26½; Reserve, 18; Cincinnati, 11; Miami, 8; Denison, 4; Case, 2; Wooster, 2; Ohio University, 1; Kenyon, 0.

May 25—The French Club produced *Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrichon* by Eugene Labiche and Edward Martin. The play was staged in Warner Hall and some of the scenes were remarkably accurate. The opening scene was in a French railroad station, and the interior of an European waiting room could scarcely have been better presented. The closing scene in a French garden was also admirable. The parts were well taken but especial praise is due to Mr. Cowdery who took the leading role.

The cast included Mr. Cowdery,

Mr. Jameson, Mr. Menzi, Mr. Stiven, Mr. Hall, Mr. Conibear, Miss Crossett, Mrs. Heacox, Miss Kinneer, Mr. Scott, Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Dodge. For the benefit of those who may not know French a very full synopsis of the play was printed in the programs.

Oberlin defeated the Case School base ball team 2-1. Bradley pitched for Oberlin and held Case to four hits.

Summary:—

Oberlin	AB	R	H	O	A
Young, 3	4	0	1	1	3
Pyle, rf.	4	0	0	2	0
Henderson, 2	2	0	1	3	2
Haas, m	3	0	1	1	0
Colmery, ss	3	0	0	1	3
Keller lf	2	0	0	9	0
Miller, rf	3	1	0	2	0
Nilson, c	3	1	1	7	1
Bradley p	2	0	0	1	2

Totals	26	2	4	27	11
Case	AB	R	H	O	A
Francy, rf.	4	0	1	5	0
McComber, m	3	0	1	1	1
Beck, m	1	0	0	0	0
Eggert, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Johnson, 1	4	0	0	8	1
Bellehobek, p	4	0	1	1	4
Oehlschlager, 2	2	0	0	4	1
Kemp, c	2	0	0	1	3
Schatzinger, 3	3	0	0	2	0
Keim, ss	3	1	1	1	2

Totals	31	1	4	24	12
Oberlin	0	0	0	1	0
Case	0	0	0	0	0

Errors—Young, Henderson, Colmery, Miller, Schatzinger, Keim.

Three-base hit—Bellehobek, Sacrifice hits—Bradley, Oehlschlager. Stolen bases—Henderson, Miller,

Francy. Bases on balls—Off Bellehobek 2. Hit by pitched ball—By Bellehobek 1 (Young). Struck out—By Bradley 7, by Bellehobek 4. Umpire—Charles. Time—1:45.

May 28—This was the date set for the Mock Republican Convention. That event had been abandoned because of a failure on the part of the committee of the Faculty and the committee of the students to agree as to the amount of costuming to be allowed. The students, however, celebrated the event by "burying the Mock Convention." The funeral services were held between Talcott and Baldwin. Two funeral orations were delivered, the second of which was a parody on Mark Antony's oration. The Mock Convention took the part of Caesar and the Faculty impersonated Brutus. Later the "Spirit of the Faculty Committee" tried to justify itself but was beaten into the coffin along with the Convention, whereupon both were carried to the Campus and cremated on a huge pyre. The following morning the girls held a sort of memorial service over the remains of the dead.

The question for the varsity debates next year is: Resolved, That the conservation of human resources involved in the employment of labor in the United States demands greater centralization of power in the Federal Government. Constitutionality conceded.

May 29—Dr. Kumm of London, spoke at Chapel and again in the evening on the work of the missionaries in the Sudan. Dr. Kumm has conducted several remarkable exploring expeditions in the Sudan.

The Science Division of the Fac-

ulty gave a dinner to Professor F. F. Jewett in honor of his thirty-two years of successful service to Oberlin College.

May 30-31—The following colleges participated in the tennis match at Oberlin; Kenyon, Oberlin, Miami, Wesleyan, Denison, Wooster, Case, and Reserve. Kenyon carried off first honors and Oberlin second. The championship in singles was won by Manchester of Kenyon from Henderson of Oberlin. Manchester and Beattie of Kenyon won the doubles from Miami.

May 31—The following members from the senior class were elected to Phi Beta Kappa; (the order is alphabetical)

Margaret Eloise Bennett, Oberlin, Ohio.

Helen Maretta Dart, Oberlin, Ohio.

Ernest Carroll Faust, Carthage, Missouri.

Frances Louise Hill, Berlin Heights, Ohio.

William George Jackson, Jr., Oberlin, Ohio.

Donald Storrs King, Oberlin, Ohio.

Zella Irene Kreider, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Willard Samuel Lines, Jefferson, New York.

Elmina Rose Lucke, Carleton, Michigan.

Cora Estelle Prefert, Buffalo, New York.

Dorothy Virginia Robertson, Oberlin, Ohio.

Emery Simpson Sherwood, Oberlin, Ohio.

Ernest Rice Smith, Oberlin, Ohio.

Shirley Smith, Oberlin, Ohio.

Madeleine Sweet, Oberlin, Ohio.

Dorothy Rowland Swift, Fall Riv-

er, Massachusetts.

Ethel Florence Todd, Wakeman, Ohio.

Anna Belle Tracy, Walkerton, Indiana.

Favorite Wenk, Oberlin, Ohio.

Elda Williams, Weston, Ohio.

Hazel Audrey Worley, Hubbard, Ohio.

Ernest Roy Zechiel, Culver, Indiana.

The Phi Beta Kappa oration was delivered by John Dewey of Columbia. His subject was "The New Humanism." The first part of his address was devoted to an analysis of the Greek culture and the latter part to a discussion of the place that this should hold in the modern education. The annual Phi Beta Kappa supper was held in the evening. The new members were received and Professor Dewey gave a brief toast. For the coming year Professor L. B. Hall was elected President, Professor C. H. A. Wager, Vice-president and Professor W. D. Cairns Secretary-Treasurer.

The Academy was defeated in base ball by the High School, 10-6.

June 1—Oberlin sent Metcalf and Harvey to represent the College in the Western Conference field meet. Harvey failed to win a place in the jumps but Metcalf won the two mile race and established a new record, 9:42 2-5. The Conference record for the mile is also held by an Oberlin man, Arthur Baker, 4:20 4-5.

Oberlin shut out Wooster in a rather tame exhibition of base ball. The Wooster team was in poor condition. Bradley pitched a splendid game.

Summary:—

Oberlin	AB	R	H	O	A
Young, 3	5	0	2	0	0
Pyle, lf	5	2	0	1	0
Clarke, rf	4	0	1	1	1
Haas, m	5	1	1	0	0
Colmery, ss	3	1	0	4	0
Keller, 1	3	3	2	5	4
Miller, 2	4	1	1	0	2
Nilson, c	5	0	1	5	1
Bradley, p	5	1	2	1	4

Totals	39	9	10	27	12
Wooster	AB	R	H	O	A

Collins, ss	3	0	0	3	4
Roderick, 2-3	3	0	2	2	4
Blaser, 3-p	3	0	0	2	3
Corry, rf	4	0	1	1	0
White, c	3	0	0	3	2
Weigant, lf	3	0	0	3	0
Findley, m	4	0	2	1	0
Kennedy, lf	4	0	1	0	0
Putnam, p	1	0	0	0	2
Eddy, 2	3	0	0	1	1
McCarty, p	3	0	0	1	0

Totals	34	0	6	27	16
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Oberlin 0 0 2 0 4 1 1 1 0—9
Errors—Collins 3, Roderick, Weigant, Kennedy 2, Putnam, Eddy.

Two base hit—Corry. Three-base hits—Clarke, Miller. Base on balls—Off Putnam 2, off Blaser 1, off Bradley 1. Struck out—By Putnam 2, by Blaser 1. by Bradley 6. Umpire—Wilhelm.

June 5—The seniors defeated the Faculty in the annual base ball game, 12-8. The game aroused more than the usual amount of interest and the attendance was large.

June 8—Wooster had a chance to revenge herself on Oberlin in base ball and took advantage of the opportunity, defeating the Oberlin team

3-2. The game was won by Wooster in the first inning. After that Oberlin had the best of it but the repentance came too late.

Summary:—

Wooster	AB	R	H	O	A
Collins, ss	4	1	1	2	3
Roderick, 2	2	1	0	3	3
Blaser, p	3	0	0	0	4
Corry, 3	4	1	0	0	3
White, c	3	0	0	12	3
Cunningham, r	4	0	1	2	0
Finley, m	3	0	0	0	0
Kennedy, lf	4	0	0	0	0
Dietrick, 1	2	0	0	8	0
Totals	29	3	2	27	16
Oberlin	AB	R	H	O	A
Henderson, 2	3	0	1	2	6
Young, 3	4	0	2	0	3
Pyle, lf	3	1	0	0	0
Haas, m	4	0	1	2	0

Keller, 1	3	1	1	11	0
Colmery, ss	3	0	1	2	2
Miller, rf	3	0	1	2	0
Clarke, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Nilson, c	4	0	1	8	0
Wasson, p	4	0	0	0	3
*Bradley	1	0	0	0	0

*Batted for Wasson in ninth.

Wooster	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3
Oberlin	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—2

Errors—Collins, Roderick, Blaser, Dietrick, Young, Nilson, Wasson.

Two-base hit—Young. Sacrifice hits—Blaser, Corry, White, Keller. Stolen bases—Collins, Dietrick, Young, Pyle, Henderson, Wasson.

Struck out—By Blaser 9, by Wasson

7. Bases on balls—Off Wasson 4, off Blaser 3. Wild pitch—Blaser. Passed ball—Nilson. Double play—Wasson, Henderson and Keller. Time—2:15.

June 10-15—Final examinations.

Alumni News.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIA- TION OF OBERLIN ALUMNI

There were thirty-five members present at our Oberlin Alumni Dinner this year. The gathering was held at the Copley Square Hotel, Boston.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Louis D. Gibbs

Vice-President—Luther H. Carey

Recording Secretary and Treasurer—

Ralph H. Houser

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Minnie May

Executive Committee—

Professor H. W. Magoun

Miss Anna B. Waterman

Miss Mary E. Coughlin

Rev. William A. Knight

We had a word from Mr. Charles K. Tracy of Smyrna, Turkey, and then Mr. L. D. Gibbs told us what was the matter with the course through which the college puts its students. He maintained that college professors should be shifted to other colleges once in a while; that the students should be told that they were in college for mental discipline mainly, and to learn how to mix with men; and closed with the thought that positive, aggressive goodness is what is needed in the world and not merely the negative variety.

Professor T. N. Carver, the next speaker, said that the first duty of a college was to look out into the world and see what was needed, and then to train men to meet that need. He

felt that poverty and unemployment were the great problems of the present day, and said that men should be sent out so equipped that they could start industries and give employment, thus raising wages and reducing poverty.

President King in a few words described the progress of the College in formulating an architectural plan for the buildings as a whole, and in completing the half million endowment fund. He added that the colleges must send out men who can clearly see the great need of our age, which is that of a social ideal guiding a scientific spirit. Who can discern the supreme interest of life and subordinate all other things to that interest.

This year's meeting was quite small in numbers but the thoughtfulness of the addresses amply repaid all those who took the trouble to be present.

C. F. Witherby.

REUNION OF '72

The Class of '72, College and Literary, celebrated its fortieth anniversary by a reunion at the recent Commencement, making its headquarters with Miss Adella N. Royce, 118 West College street. Owing to the disability of Professor Hall, the management fell upon Miss Royce and Mrs. Harmonia Wattles Woodford, to whom the other members present are much indebted. At the class social and supper with Miss Royce on Tuesday afternoon there were in attendance twelve members of the College class and three of the Literary, five husbands and wives, and four guests connected by other ties.

Of the college men and women there were present: Andrew Browne, H. D. Chamberlin, S. E. Eastman, G. H. Grannis, L. B. Hall, L. O. Lee, T. F. Shotwell, E. S. Steele, O. S. Warner, A. H. Weed, Harmonia Woodford, Anna J. Wright. The Literary graduates present were: Clara H. Clarke-Wood, Miss Royce, and Cleora A. Stolp-Murray. The class roll was called and reports were made by the members present for themselves and, as far as possible, for others. Of the college class only but eleven out of forty survive and of the literary class all but five out of seventeen. The recent death of the Rev. John M. Cumings was announced. Mr. Cumings had expressed an intention to attend the reunion. The company was much gratified by the presence of Professor Hall, which had been in doubt on account of his ill health. Senator T. E. Burton was prevented from coming by political duties at Chicago. Another prominent member of the class, J. F. Vaile of Denver, Colorado, was detained from attending at a late moment. Rev. J. P. Riedinger arrived to attend the Alumni Dinner. The class was honored on commencement day by the conferment of degrees on two of its members, namely, Rev. S. E. Eastman, who became D. D., and Anna J. Wright, who became M. A.

Edward Steele.

REUNION OF '97.

The class of '97 held its fifteenth Reunion during Commencement week. It was a matter of regret to those present that a larger representation of the original ninety-eight

members could not be here but many of the class live at a great distance or were so situated that their presence was out of the question.

A group of fifteen had a delightful time in Miss Fitch's rooms at Baldwin on Tuesday afternoon, on which occasion letters from absent members were read which expressed deep regret that the writers could be present only in thought.

Those attending the Alumni dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Clancy Mr. and Mrs. Dexter, Mrs. Bessie Depew Hart, Dr. Florence Fitch, Mr. Clayton Fauver, Mrs. Emma Hutchins Burt, Mrs. Grace Irwin Curtis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. D. Edgar Morgan, Miss Ellen Raymond, Miss Winifred Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. E. Seibert, Miss Mary Stranahan and Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Thatcher. This group was conspicuous by reason of the volume of its class yell, but was prouder of the prominence brought to it by the very excellent speech of Dr. Fitch, the only woman to take part in the after dinner talks.

The class of '97 had a good reunion this year, but is already planning for a better and larger one in 1917.

ALPHA ZETA LOVE-FEAST

Forty-seven Alumni and members of Alpha Zeta gathered for the annual love-feast in the dining hall of the Men's Building at seven-thirty, Monday evening, June seventeenth. Twenty-six Alumni were present, and of the twenty-one students, fourteen were Seniors. The only regret as far as attendance is concerned is that so few underclassmen remained

for the love-feast. This occasion furnished very pleasant memories for the Society man.

Mr. Walter L. Cheney, '13, as toastmaster, introduced President King as the first speaker. The President applied the motto of the Society, "We seek truth," to the broader life of the College, as a whole. He referred to the five Alpha Zetans of the graduating class, who received the Phi Beta Kappa Key, as a material testimony to the influence of the Alpha Zeta spirit upon the College work of its members.

Mr. Luethi spoke on "Reminiscences of my days in Society," recalling the days when the Society met in French Hall, when Alpha Zetans were called the "Cranks," Phi Deltans, "the Athletes," and the members of Phi Kappa Pi. "the musiciens" and "dudes." Mr. Luethi also emphasized the value of fellowship among Society members.

Professor Martin told of the place of Alpha Zeta in College during the years '75-'85, comparing the time demanded by outside interests in those days, with the time now demanded. In the years to which he referred, reading of value was more prevalent, and nine out of ten men joined a literary society. The gain in the present day is rather along lines of debate and profitable criticism.

Bobby Rice spoke of the value of student fellowship, and further defined the value of the literary Society work in three individual developments—self control, self reliance and self expression. Two charter members of the Society, who left Phi Kappa Pi to form Alpha Zeta, were present, and told of the stormy times

attending the birth of the new Society—Mr. Chamberlin, and Mr. Steele. Mr. Goodenough indulged in reminiscences of former Society days, and Mr. Wood furnished many details to his narrative.

In closing the love-feast, Mr. Hugh Cameron, '12, presented as the gift of the Senior class, an artistically arranged study lamp for the Secretary's table. Mr. Raymond Conibear, '13, responded for the Society, speaking briefly on the need which the lamp will meet, and in appreciation of the faithfulness and achievements of the Senior members.

The love-feast was declared adjourned at 10:45, and a pleasant half-hour of visiting followed.

A. Raymond Conibear, '13.

L. L. S. LOVE FEAST

The annual Love Feast of L. L. S. was held at the James Brand House, Oberlin, June 17 at 5:30 o'clock.

A short business meeting of alumnae was first called. Miss Gillis read a report of the year's work and finances; Miss Doerschuk was elected to fill the place of Secretary and Treasurer, in the absence of Miss Gillis; Mrs. W. T. Upton gave a report of the Oberlin Branch for the year; and Mrs. J. R. Rogers of the New York Branch extended to us her greeting.

The Society then feasted herself at a banquet for which one hundred and thirty-five covers had been laid.

With Mabel J. Baker, '12, as toastmaster this program was carried out:

History 1911-12—Miriam E. Oatman, '12.

Farewell—Ruth Bookwalter, '12

Response—Anna Scott, '11.

A roll-call, first by decades, then by years followed.

Mrs. C. T. M. Lawrence, '91, the second toast-master, on rising to preside, presented a beautiful tribute of white roses—the gift of L. L. S. in loving memory of Mrs. Johnston. The members rose in silent reverence. A similar tribute was paid on the announcement of the death of Miss Flora Bridges, '85, another beloved alumna.

The toastmistress then proceeded to the program which follows:

L. L. S.—As a Fellow—Miss Emma A. Gillis.

(Miss Gillis read a most entertaining letter from Miss Jessie A. Caughey, '99, our Fellow now at Oxford).

The L. L. S. Woman in the Mission Field—Mrs. A. B. Cowles, '88.

The L. L. S. Woman in Social Work—Miss Lola Barnard, '92.

The L. L. S. Woman in the Home—Mrs. E. B. Taylor, '03.

Mrs. Hemingway, now on her way back to China, responded to a call from the toastmistress.

So another Love Feast came and went welding more strongly the hands of fellowship and adding to our numbers enthusiastic girls of whom we are justly proud.

E. P. H.

ALUMNI PERSONALS

There has been founded at Wellesley College a memorial alcove in the old library. "It was founded" says the New York Evening Post "by Miss Morgan's students in cooperation with members of the faculty.

The purpose has been to collect a set of books which should be in the spirit of one whose aim was to correlate all things into an organic unity, and whose habit it was to draw her illustrations from every imaginable source in art and nature. Professor Morgan was head of the department of philosophy from 1878 to 1900.

'69—The Journal of the New York Botanical Garden for February contain as fine appreciation of the work of Charles Finney Cox by Dr. N. L. Britton. Mr. Cox had been treasurer of the Botanical Garden since 1899 and was an original member of the corporation. The article was illustrated with a handsome portrait of Mr. Cox.

'74—Rev. Matthew Anderson is principal of the Berean Manual Training school, 1926 South College Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

'87—Dr. Iyenaga left about the first of April for Japan, where he will be all summer. He will return in October and lecture in the East and Middle West during October, November and a part of December under the Civic Forum Lecture Bureau.

'90—Dr. W. H. Wilson will speak upon "The Country Church Problem" at Haverford College in the course of lectures which is given in connection with the Summer Course.

'90—Miss Alice B. Ring who has just returned from Paris after an absence of several months where she has been studying miniature painting, has returned. She is spending the summer at Omena Michigan and will resume her work in her studio in Cleveland in

the winter. Miss Ring took two prizes for miniature work at the Salon.

'91 O. T. S.—Rev. Edward B. Haskell was given the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Marietta College at Commencement.

'93—At the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western Reserve University Dr. Charles E. Briggs who has been Assistant Professor of Surgery was promoted to be Associate Professor of Surgery.

'98—The following editorial is taken from the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune June 2, 1912:

"There is no truer saying than that nothing great was ever achieved without the help of woman. The death of Wilbur Wright brings to light a feature little known—that behind every movement made by the Wright brothers Katharine Wright, their sister stood, the promoter, the inspiration, the helper.

"Had it not been for her they would now be repairing old bicycles in Dayton, and no one loved to account to her that credit more than did her dead brother Wilbur. When they first confided to her their idea of making a toy to fly she read everything she could find written on aeronautics. As fast as the boys learned the name of a new book on the subject it was Katharine who took of her small earnings as teacher in the public schoolroom in Dayton and sent away for it. It was she who sat long hours at night making the mathematical calculations to prove that it was possible for man to fly. She knew it was a possibility long before her brothers had demonstrated it—and though a wo-

man she kept the secret.

"When the boys became discouraged, she was the first to whom they turned for inspiration. When moneyless, she gave them her all. From the streets of Dayton about their unpretentious home she followed them from continent to continent among the royalty of the earth, but above all the honor they received her brothers themselves were her greatest pride.

"The world is mourning the loss of a genius, but the sister who had been to him mother as well is mourning the loss of a brother whose world-wide fame she stood sponsor for. With an unselfish devotion which has been rarely equaled in the annals of the world she worked, gave hope and help to her brothers which culminated in bringing them untold success.

"Not only is Dayton debtor to her, but America, to whom she reserved the honor of the first bird men of the world, and yet she is the last person on earth to claim such praise. She is modest and retiring, except when her brothers needed her. It is to her that great sympathy is due."

'08—Miss Hazel Bernice Petty and Mr. Joel Babcock Hayden were married June 15, 1912. They sail August 21 for Poland where they will study social and economic problems for two years. Mr. Hayden was graduated from Union Theological Seminary at the Commencement in May and is the holder of a traveling fellowship.

'08—Miss Mary Ellis Purcell spent a few hours in Oberlin on her way east to join a party of the Bureau of University Travel with

which she expects to visit England, France, Italy and Greece.

'08—Mr. Claude W. Steadman won among twenty competitors the annual Stewardson traveling scholarship of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Steadman has also been awarded a graduate fellowship for a year's post-graduate study in the same University. Mr. Steadman has been until recently employed by the Cleveland architect J. Milton Dyer.

'08—Howard Waters has succeeded in turning out a state champion team in foot ball and track at Ft. Collins, Colorado.

'09—Miss Faith Weld Tenney and Mr. Ralph Horton Houser were married in the Second Church, Saturday evening, June 23. Dr. H. M. Tenney officiating. The bridesmaids were, Miss Edith Stimson, Miss Evangeline Hiatt, Miss Ilene Houser and Miss Alta Houser, with Miss Joy Smith as maid of honor and Miss Elizabeth Tenney, niece of the bride, as flower girl. Messrs Edward Leeper, Ralph Burroughs, Stanley Morris and Howard K. Morse were the ushers and James A. Brand was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Houser after spending the summer in the Woods of Maine will make their home in Boston, where Mr. Houser will teach in the Noble Greenough School in the department of chemistry.

'09—Miss Henrietta K. Smith and Mr. Elgin Sherk were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. Gardner Smith, Oberlin Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Sherk will make their home in Syracuse where Mr. Sherk is Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

'09—Miss Mabel Eldred will as-

sist Dr. Delphine Hanna in the physical training department of the College the coming year.

'99—Miss N. Elona Thom is associated with the head of the welfare department with W. Filene's Sons Company, Boston. Her address is 62 Toxteth street, Brookline, Mass.

'99-'00—Rev. and Mrs. John Merle Davis, who with their children have been spending their year's leave of absence from Japan at Mr. Davis' home in Stoughton, Wisconsin, sail in September for Japan where they will resume their work in the Y. M. C. A. of that city.

'01—Born—To Mr. T. L. Gibson and Mrs. Mabel Fauver Gibson Oberlin, Monday, June 13, 1912, a daughter, Josephine Esther.

'03—Raymond Shuart, who for several years has been engaged in the Cobalt region, Canada, as mining engineer, has purchased land in Bitter Root, Montana, where with his father he will locate and devote himself to fruit culture.

'04—Mr. Ernest Chamberlain and Miss Gladys Tabor were married at the home of the bride, Argos, Indiana, Wednesday, June 26, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will make their home in Galesburg, Illinois, where Mr. Chamberlain has accepted a position as instructor in singing and history of music in the Conservatory of Music of Knox College.

'05—Mr and Mrs. Jesse B. Wolfe who have been teaching in Pekin, have received appointments to teach on the faculty of the Oberlin Memorial Academy at Shansi.

'05—Harold C. King who has been professor of History this year in Colorado College will give the work

in the Summer Session which Professor Hall has been compelled to give up because of his recent illness.

'06—Miss Mary Martin Porter and Mr. Rollin Otis Bisbee were married Wednesday, June 21, 1912, at East Jordan, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Bisbee will reside in East Jordan where Mr. Bisbee is a banker. ..

'07—Miss Florence Jenney has been appointed instructor in German in Vassar College.

'07—Wesley Frost has received an appointment as United States Consul at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

'10—Wilbur F. Swan represented Oberlin at the inauguration of President Alfred E. Craig of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, June 10.

'10—Frederick O. Anderegg has been awarded a scholarship in chemistry for 1912-1913 by the graduate school of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University.

'10—George H. Wainwright after graduating from the Oberlin Seminary, visited in Pittsburg, and New York City. The summer was spent in Boston. In the fall Mr. Wainwright expects to return to Japan where he will engage in Y. M. C. A. work.

'10—Miss Claribel L. Bickford, since her graduation has taught two years in the Kohala Girls' Seminary as Principal of the Institution. She resigned and closed her successful

work, much to the regret of the managers and pupils, that she might take a graduate course of study in one of the large Universities of California. She is spending the summer at her home, 6032 Monte Vista St., Los Angeles.

'12-O. C. M.—Miss Anita Cash and Mr. Howard H. Tibbitts were married at the home of the bride, Oberlin, Sunday afternoon, June 23. After August first Mr. and Mrs. Tibbitts will be at home in Kellogg, Idaho, where Mr. Tibbitts will be the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of that city.

'12-'10—Mr. Paul MacCollin and Miss Elizabeth Newton were married at Cleveland, Ohio, June 20, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. MacCollin's address is Akron, New York.

FORMER STUDENTS

At the recent meeting of the Women's Society of the Second Congregational Church Mr. Eugene Cary Foster, who is now Superintendent of Associated Charities of the city of Cleveland spoke on "Cleveland Philanthropies."

Mr. Charles Marsh has severed his connection with the Cleveland Leader and is now engaged in insurance business in Cleveland.

Born—To Mr. Harry M. Redington and Mrs. Mayne Peck Redington of Elyria, Ohio, May 13, 1912, a daughter, Rose Mary.

Necrology.

JOHN MORGAN CUMINGS '72

John Morgan Cumings died at Farragut, Iowa, June 8, 1912.

John Morgan Cumings was born in Amherst, Ohio, November 27, 1848. In 1853 he removed with his parents to Tabor, Iowa, where he received his early education and part of his college course. He finished his college course at Oberlin with the class of '72. He graduated from the Theological Seminary in 1876, having previously preached a year at Percival, Iowa. He began his long years of ministerial service in the fall of '76 by accepting the pastorate at Exira, Iowa, where his father had been pastor for some years before. His succeeding pastorates were at Spencer, Anita, Dunlap, Sheldon, Baxter, Denmark and Farragut. His longest pastorate was at Denmark where he spent nine useful years, and where the sorrow of his life, the death of his eldest daughter, came to him.

December 25, 1878 he was married to Carrie Briggs at Glenwood, Iowa. Two daughters, Edith and Irene, were born. Edith died December 6, 1903 in her senior year at Grinnell college. Mr. Cumings' death is mourned by his wife and daughter, one brother and two sisters, Burton Cumings, of Tabor, Mrs. Julia Matthews, of Tabor and Mrs. Lucy Lyndsy of Shelburg, Iowa.

FLORA BRIDGES '85

Miss Flora Bridges died at the home of her friend Miss Clara Stevens, South Hadley, Massachusetts, June 13, 1912.

Miss Flora Bridges was born at Salisburg, Illinois, February 8, 1859. She entered Oberlin College in 1884, and was graduated from the literary department the following year. She continued her work in the classics and in 1887 received the degree of A. B., and of A. M., in 1888. Her first years of college work were taken at Butler University where later she taught English. In 1889 she became a member of the Faculty at Mt. Holyoke College, but left her teaching in 1890 to accept a foreign fellowship. The year of study was spent at Zurich University. On her return she again taught Greek at Mt. Holyoke College but later accepted the positions of Dean of Women at Olivet College and Yankton College, Yankton, South Dakota. The year 1904-05 was spent in Oberlin where she served President King as secretary. This position was followed by a call to teach in the English department at Mt. Holyoke College, where she remained until her death. She made her home with Miss Clara Stevens and Miss Alice Stevens both members of the Mt. Holyoke Faculty, who gave her what she loved most—friendship. Saturday at sunset she was buried in Evergreen cemetery in sight of the hills she loved. The following is taken from her pastor's appreciation:

"Her spirit of service and devotion and all her conscientious labor revealed her appreciation of those words said of the Master, He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. With similar unself-

fishness and modesty of spirit that often expressed itself in terms of self-depreciation and gratitude of friends who believe that He that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Although she sometimes failed to estimate the true value of her own work, she had a keen delight in the success and attainment of others. Quick in appreciation, abounding in charity and loyalty, she gave to others and drew to herself the unfailing devotion of many friends. The closer the contact, the more pronounced was the admiration, the stronger the friendship and the clearer the discernment of beautiful qualities of character hitherto unrevealed. She showed her friendship for others in many beautiful ways, not only by rejoicing in their successes, but also by urging and encouraging the finest achievement and the highest ideals. She was deeply wounded when any in her care lowered the standard of excellence in character or in the performance of the daily task. What she expected of others she required of herself. She was continually setting her house in order and by her daily discipline, accuracy, precision and devotion she made a permanent contribution to the real and enduring worth and the happiness of life."

HARRY EDMUND GILES, '03

Harry Edmund Giles died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Celia Giles, Thursday, April 11, 1912, after an illness of a year and a half.

Harry E. Giles was born in Waterman, Illinois, September 25, 1879. Coming to Oberlin in his fourteenth

year, he entered the Academy, and later the College and was graduated with the class of 1903.

During the years 1900-1902 he was superintendent of the Strongsville, Ohio, schools, where he was so successful as to warrant making teaching his life work.

After graduating from College he was elected to the principalship of the Kenton, Ohio, high school, where he remained three years, going from there to Kewanee, Illinois, as principal of the high school. After one year's work there he was chosen superintendent of schools at Hinsdale, Illinois, where he remained four years until ill health compelled him to give up his work. He had also been chosen permanent teacher of English in the Wooster, Ohio, University summer school.

On December 23, 1900, he was married to Florence Cherry. One son was born, Hermann Harry, on October 6, 1901.

WINFRED V. BLYTHE, '04

Winfred VanDeren Blythe died of pneumonia in the City General hospital of Youngstown, Ohio, March 8, 1912.

Dr. Winfred VanDeren Blythe was born at Nora Springs, Virginia, July 30, 1883. He entered Oberlin College as a junior in 1903 from Elk Point, South Dakota, having taken his first years of college work at Yankton College. After graduation he entered the medical department of Western Reserve University. Dr. Blythe had completed his training as a physician and was located in

Youngstown, Ohio, and was reaping the benefits of his years of preparation when after a short illness he died.

CLARIBEL LEGGAT COUSE, '05

Claribel Leggat Couse died of heart failure at Butte, Montana, June, 1912.

Mrs. Claribel Leggat Couse was born at Butte, Montana, August 28, 1883. She took her preparatory work in the high school of Owosso, Michigan and entered Oberlin College in 1901. She was graduated in 1905 and spent the two years following in Oberlin studying art and music. In 1907 and 1908 she was a teacher in the Oberlin High school. She married MacLane B. Couse, of Butte, Montana, who with their son, two months old, survives her.

DAVID FISHER NYE, '06

David Fisher Nye died of heart failure at the home of his parents, Judge and Mrs. D. J. Nye of Elyria, Ohio, Sunday, June 23, 1912.

David Fisher Nye was born in Elyria, Ohio, October 27, 1882. After completing the course in the Elyria high school, he entered Oberlin College in 1902 and was graduated with the class of 1906. During his college course he took active part in the general activities of college life, being president of his class, Editor-in-chief of the Review and Editor of the Hi-O-Hi. After completing his college work, he entered Western Reserve Law School and received the degree of Master of Law in 1909. After admission to the bar, he entered the law office with his father under the firm of D. J. and

D. F. Nye. October 25, 1911, he married Miss May Canfield of Wakeman, Ohio, who with his parents and brother, Horace, survive him.

EDWARD JOEL GOODRICH

Edward Joel Goodrich died at his home, 125 Elm street, Oberlin, Ohio, Monday afternoon, June 24, 1912.

Edward J. Goodrich was born in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, September 27, 1831. He received his education in Middleton, Connecticut and after a few years' experience in teaching Mr. Goodrich came to Oberlin, intending to enter the Theological Seminary. On account of a serious throat difficulty he was obliged to abandon this plan, and turned his attention to business. He opened a book store on the corner of South Main and East College streets, where he continued his duties as publisher and book-seller until the time of his death.

Early in his career in Oberlin Mr. Goodrich was elected Librarian of the public school library, which was in the building which stood between Peters Hall and Warner Hall. For nine years he was a member of the village council, for two terms mayor of the village, he was director of three different banks during his lifetime. In 1866 he was elected superintendent of the united Sunday schools. When the schools were separated, several years later, he was elected superintendent of the First Church Sunday school, an office which he held up to a short time before his death. He helped to organize the first town Y. M. C. A. in 1868 and was sent as a delegate to the

national convention in Portland, Maine. From 1860 to 1888 he was a member of the school board in Oberlin, being its treasurer for twenty years. For many years he was chairman of the committee for the selection of teachers. He was also chairman of the building committee that erected the High School in 1872, and gave attention to every detail of the work upon it. For twenty years he was chairman of the executive committee of the Oberlin Society. From 1874 to 1903 he was a member of the Prudential Committee of Oberlin College. From 1878 to his death he was a trustee of the College. He was also one of the original members of the board of Tank Missionary Home. He was also chairman of the committees of the First Church that selected Doctors Brand and Bradshaw as pastors. Mr. Goodrich is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella M. Johnston Goodrich of the class of 1880, whom he married, August 31, 1887, and son Robert, who just completed his course in the Academy.

JUDGE EDGAR H. HINMAN

Edgar H. Hinman died at his home, Middle Avenue, Elyria, Ohio, Wednesday, June 5, 1912.

Judge Hinman was born in Randolph, Portage County, Ohio, December 16, 1846. At an early age his parents brought him to Oberlin and he grew to manhood and received his early education here. From Oberlin College he went to Ann Arbor law school and was graduated from there later. Previous to his law course he served in the Civil War in Company K, 150th O. V. I.

It was during the war that he received a severe wound which remained unhealed throughout his life. No martyr was ever braver during this long period than Judge Hinman.

After completing his law course he returned to Oberlin where he practiced for a year and then moved to Amherst. During his nine years there he was twice elected mayor and finally honored by the probate judgeship.

Judge Hinman was first elected in November, 1881 and since that time he has been elected to succeed himself. This spring was the first time that another candidate has been given the preference by the republicans of the county.

MRS. MARIA S. BEARD

"Mrs. Maria Strickler Beard was born in Columbia, Ohio, January 25, 1840, and died in Oberlin at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Harroun, Wednesday morning, January 12, 1912.

"Mrs. Beard first came to Oberlin as a student in the fall of 1863. In November, 1865, she married George Beard, who died in February, 1879. Three years later, Mrs. Beard came to Oberlin with her three daughters, as so many other mothers have done, for the purpose of giving them an education. She took the house which is now 148 Elm street, and gathered with her own daughters a family of young people, who shared her home. For the next ten years, a large number of students for a longer or shorter time, were members of her family. They were not merely boarders; they were

made to feel that they were a part of the family, that they shared in the family privileges, and that they must carry a share of the responsibilities of the family. There are scattered over the country today many young people who look back to 148 Elm Street, as a thoroughly delightful home.

To all these dwellers at her home, Mrs. Beard was a genuine friend, and to many of them a real mother. She never sought to know their life or their experiences, except so far as they gave her their confidence. In these circumstances, however, she always gave in return wise counsel and an affectionate interest that are not often found under such conditions.

Though Mrs. Beard was not able to secure for herself a college education, she continually sought education. She was a tireless reader, and enjoyed all that was best in literature. She was strong in her charac-

ter, and firm in her convictions. In all her life she preserved in an unusual degree the childlike spirit. In the end, like a child, she entered a beautiful sleep, from which she had neither the desire nor the ability to awake."

HERBERT MARLATT

Herbert Marlatt who was with the class of '96 during part of his course died May 19, 1912 at Madison, Wisconsin.

Herbert Marlatt was born in 1871 at Warrensburg, Missouri. He spent two years in Oberlin and then completed his undergraduate course and his law course at the University of Michigan. For the last fifteen years he has practiced law in St. Louis with the firm of Johnson, Rutledge, Marlatt and Lashby. Mr. Marlatt is survived by his wife, Mrs. Etta Sanderson Marlatt, former student of the Conservatory.

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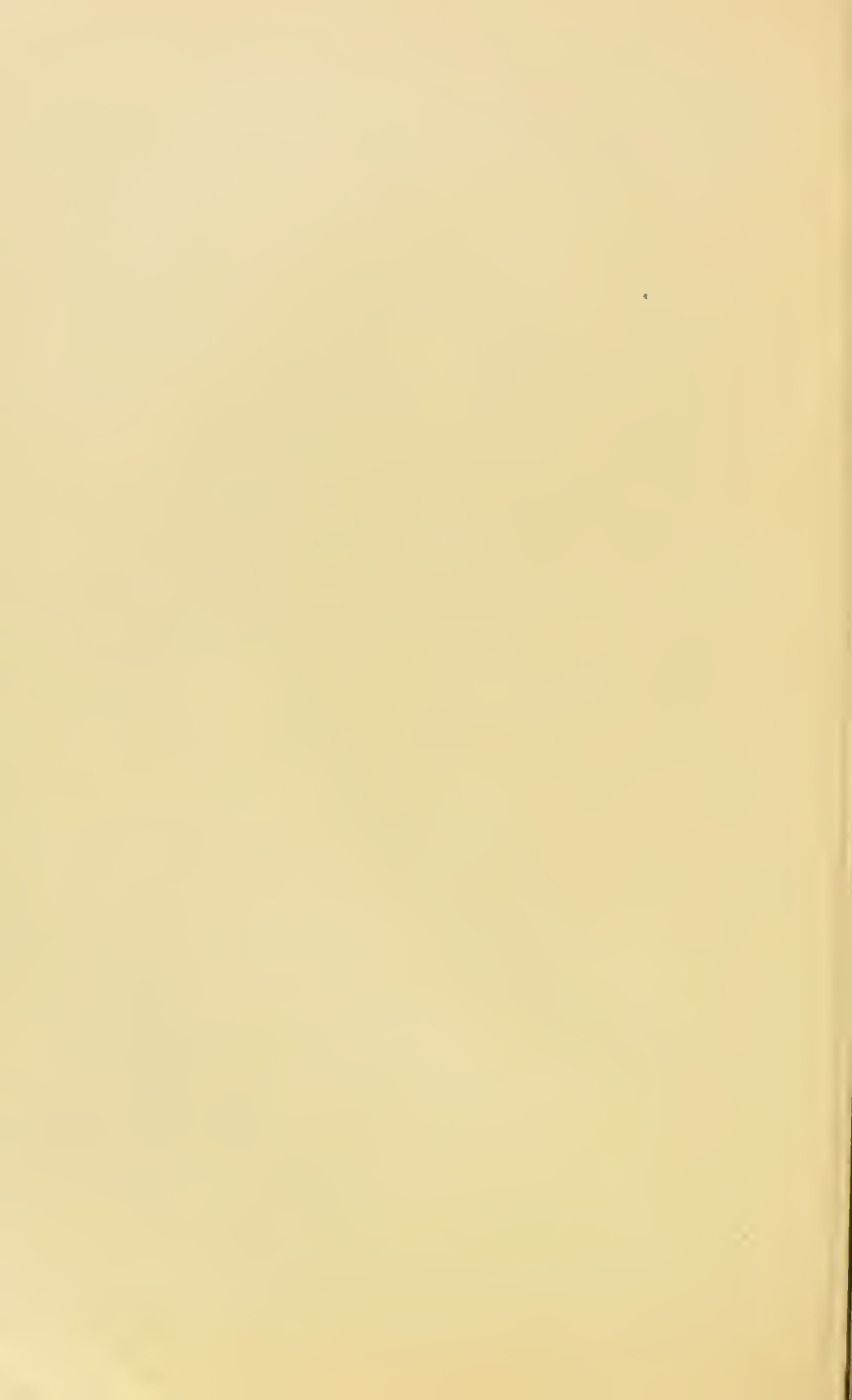
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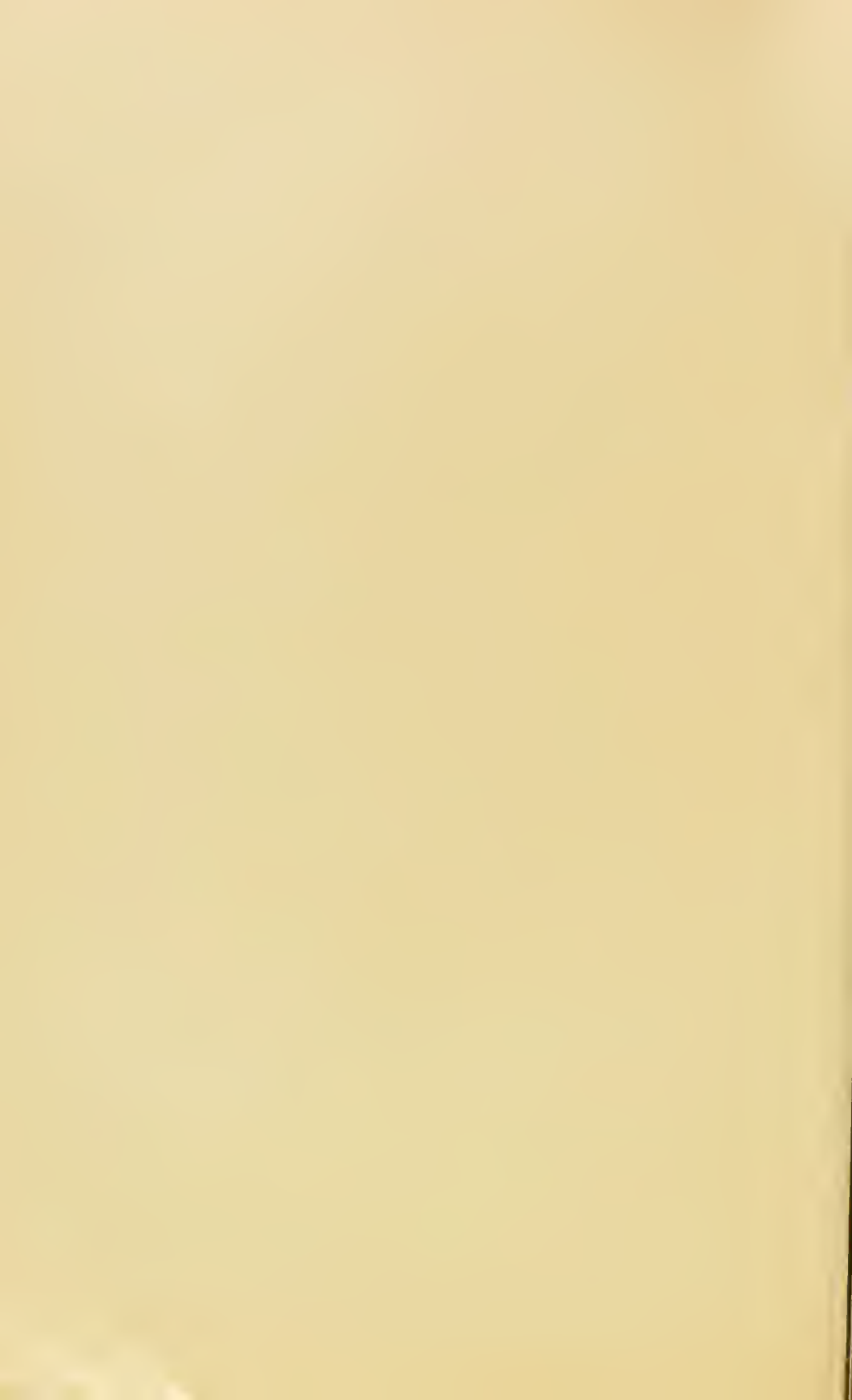
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